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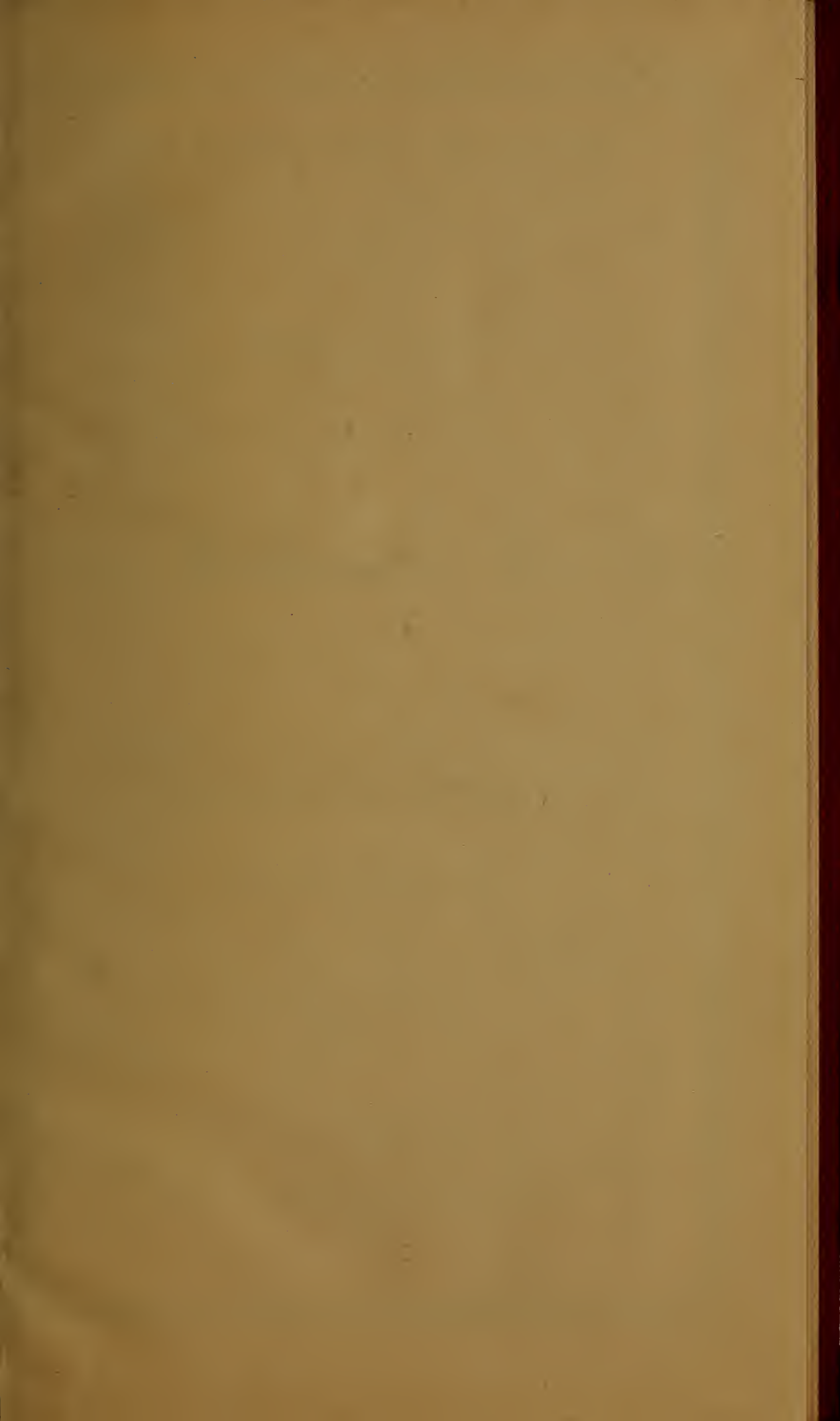
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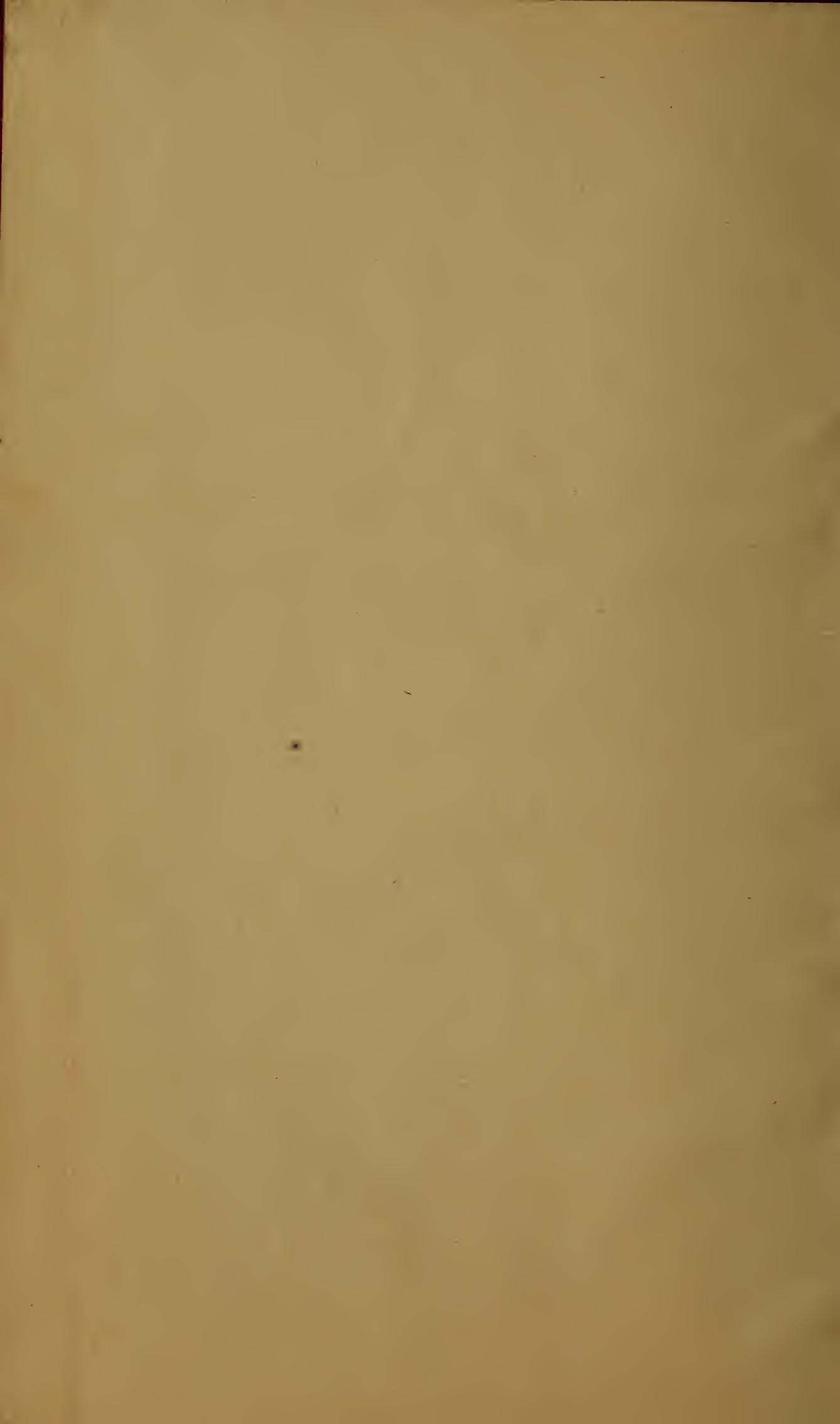
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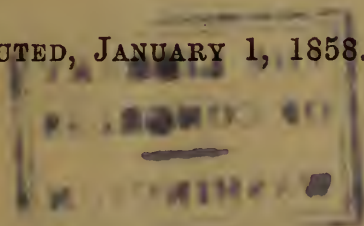
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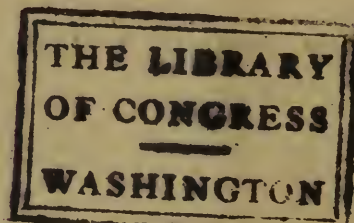
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called "THE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA." Its object shall be to encourage and promote Numismatic Science.

ARTICLE II.

The Society shall consist of Resident members, Corresponding members, and Honorary members.

ARTICLE III.

The Officers of the Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Curator and a Librarian, all of whom shall be elected annually, at the stated meeting in December.

ARTICLE IV.

The Society shall have a Common Seal.

ARTICLE V.

The right of voting, of holding offices, and of transacting business, lies solely with the Resident members. Honorary and Corresponding members shall have all other privileges of Resident members.

ARTICLE VI.

The Society may establish such By-Laws for its government and regulation, as may be deemed necessary and proper.

ARTICLE VII.

No change shall be made in this Constitution unless by a vote of three-fourths of the members present at a stated meeting, notice of such proposed change having been submitted in writing at a previous stated meeting.

BY-LAWS.

CHAPTER I.

OF OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

ART. I.—The President shall occupy the Chair at the meetings of the Society, enforce the laws, preserve order, regulate the debates, and nominate all committees, other than those specially excepted. He shall give the casting vote when necessary.

ART. II.—In the absence of the President, a Vice-President, or in the absence of all, a President pro tempore, shall occupy the Chair, and perform the duties of the President.

ART. III.—The Recording Secretary shall take and preserve correct minutes of the proceedings of the Society; preserve all documents belonging thereto, that may come into his possession; notify all members of their election, as well as all Committees of their appointment, and keep a correct list of the members of the Society, with the date of their election, resignation and death.

ART. IV.—The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct and preserve the correspondence of the Society, and acknowledge all donations by letter. He shall keep correct copies of all letters written on the business of the Society, and shall read a minute of his transactions at each stated meeting.

ART. IV.—The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the funds of the Society, and attend to the collection and payment of monies. But no payments shall be made by him except on an order from the President, countersigned by the Recording Secretary. He shall keep a clear and detailed statement of all receipts and expenditures, to be laid before the Society annually, at its stated meeting in December. He shall take charge of the Common Seal of the Society, and also of the certificates of membership, and have them filled up, signed, sealed and forwarded to members.

ART. VI.—The Curator shall take charge of the Cabinet, together with all specimens that may by donation or otherwise, come into the possession of the Society; and shall report on the condition of the Cabinet annually at the stated meeting in December.

ART. VII.—The Librarian shall take charge of all books belonging to the Society, and shall report on the condition of the same, annually at the stated meeting in December.

CHAPTER II.

OF MEMBERS.

ART. I.—Any candidate for membership must be proposed in writing by two members, at one stated meeting, and may be balloted for at the next stated meeting of the Society, when two negative votes shall defeat his election.

ART. II.—No person residing in Philadelphia can be chosen a Corresponding member; nor shall any Corresponding member continue such after he shall have removed permanently to Philadelphia. In such case a re-election is not necessary, but the Corresponding member

becomes liable for the annual contribution. He shall also sign the obligation as a Resident member, and be entitled to all the privileges of a member.

ART. III.—No Resident member shall be entitled to the privileges of membership until he shall have paid the initiation fee, and signed the following obligation :

In becoming a member of the Numismatic Society of Philadelphia, I promise to conform to its Constitution, laws and regulations, and in testimony thereof I do hereunto subscribe my name.

ART. IV.—If any member elect shall not comply with the requirements of the preceding article (No. III.) within six months from the date of his election into the Society, such election shall be void.

ART. V.—The Society shall grant to each member a certificate of membership.

ART. VI.—If any person shall be balloted for and rejected, or his name shall be withdrawn previous to the ballot, no note of said rejection or withdrawal shall be made on the minutes of the Society.

ART. VII.—No person thus rejected shall again be proposed before the expiration of a year, nor shall any one whose name has been withdrawn previous to the ballot be again proposed before the expiration of six months from said withdrawal.

ART. VIII.—All such persons as shall in the opinion of the Society merit that distinction, may on the recommendation of three members be proposed in writing as candidates for honorary membership at one stated meeting, and be balloted for at the next stated meeting, when a unanimous vote shall be necessary to an election.

CHAPTER III.

OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS.

ART. I.—Every resident member elect shall pay to the Treasurer an Initiation Fee of five dollars.

ART. II.—Every resident member shall pay annually to the Treasurer a contribution of three dollars, if paid before the first day of February of each year, or three dollars and a half when not so paid. Any members elected during the year shall pay at the rate of thirty cents for each month until the 1st of January next succeeding their election. Resident members removing permanently from the city shall become Corresponding members, and shall be relieved from further annual contributions to the Society.

ART. III.—Any member may become a life member of the Society, by a contribution of thirty-five dollars, which payment shall exonerate him from all further pecuniary contributions to the Society.

ART. IV.—No member shall be entitled to vote at the annual election for officers, unless he can exhibit to the tellers a receipt in full for all arrearages due by him to the Society.

ART. V.—No pecuniary contributions shall be required from Corresponding members, but Corresponding members residing in the United States, shall be charged with a Diploma Fee of five dollars.

ART. VI.—Any donation to the Society shall have the name of the donor attached to it, which shall be registered in the catalogues.

CHAPTER IV.

OF RESIGNATIONS AND EXPULSIONS.

ART. I.—Any member shall have leave to resign upon application in writing, provided he can produce a certificate

from the Treasurer that all arrearages due from him to the Society have been discharged.

ART. II.—A member may be expelled from the Society for sufficient cause, by a vote of three-fourths of the members at a stated meeting, notice of the intention of the Society to consider the subject of expulsion of a member having been given at a previous stated meeting.

ART. III.—No member shall be expelled without having an opportunity of being heard in his own defence, and any member thus expelled, shall under no circumstances be received as a candidate for re-election.

CHAPTER V.

OF LIBRARY.

ART. I.—The Librarian shall make out two copies of a catalogue of all books belonging to the Society; adding thereto the title in full of each book as received.

When books are presented to the Society, the name of the Donor shall be inserted in the catalogues together with the date of the gift.

ART. II.—One of the catalogues so made out shall be open to the inspection of members, and the other shall be placed in the archives of the Society.

ART. III.—Members of the Society alone shall have access to the Library, and no work shall be loaned from the room on any account whatever, unless by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members present at the stated meeting when an application is made.

ART. IV.—The Librarian shall be responsible for all works committed to his charge.

CHAPTER VI.

OF CABINET.

ART. I.—The Curator shall make out two copies of a catalogue of all specimens belonging to the Society adding thereto a description of each specimen as received. When specimens are presented to the Society, the name of the Donor shall be inserted in the catalogues along with the date of the gift.

ART. II.—One of the catalogues so made out shall be open to the inspection of members, and the other shall be placed in the archives of the Society.

ART. III.—No specimen belonging to the Society shall be loaned from the room under any pretence, or for any purpose whatever, and no moulds or models of specimens shall be taken without the consent of the Society.

ART. IV.—The Curator alone shall have liberty to open the cabinet and shall be responsible for all articles committed to his charge.

ART. V.—All specimens in the cabinet must be properly labelled by the Curator, as far as practicable.

CHAPTER VII.

OF MEETINGS.

ART. I.—The stated meetings of the Society shall be held on the 1st Thursday evening of each month at hours fixed from time to time by the Society.

ART. II.—Special meetings may be called by resolution of the Society, by public notice from the President, or at the request of three members in writing.

ART. III.—At a Special meeting, after the minutes of the preceding meeting have been read, the meeting shall im-

mediately proceed to the consideration of the business for which it was specially convened, and no other business shall be brought before the Society at such special meeting.

ART. IV.—The order of business at stated meetings shall be

1. Members present, noted by the Secretary.
2. Minutes of the last meeting read.
3. Unfinished business.
4. Donations received.
5. Written communications.
6. Verbal communications.
7. New business.
8. Members elected.
9. Rough minutes read and adopted.
10. Adjournment.

ART. V.—Five members shall constitute a quorum.

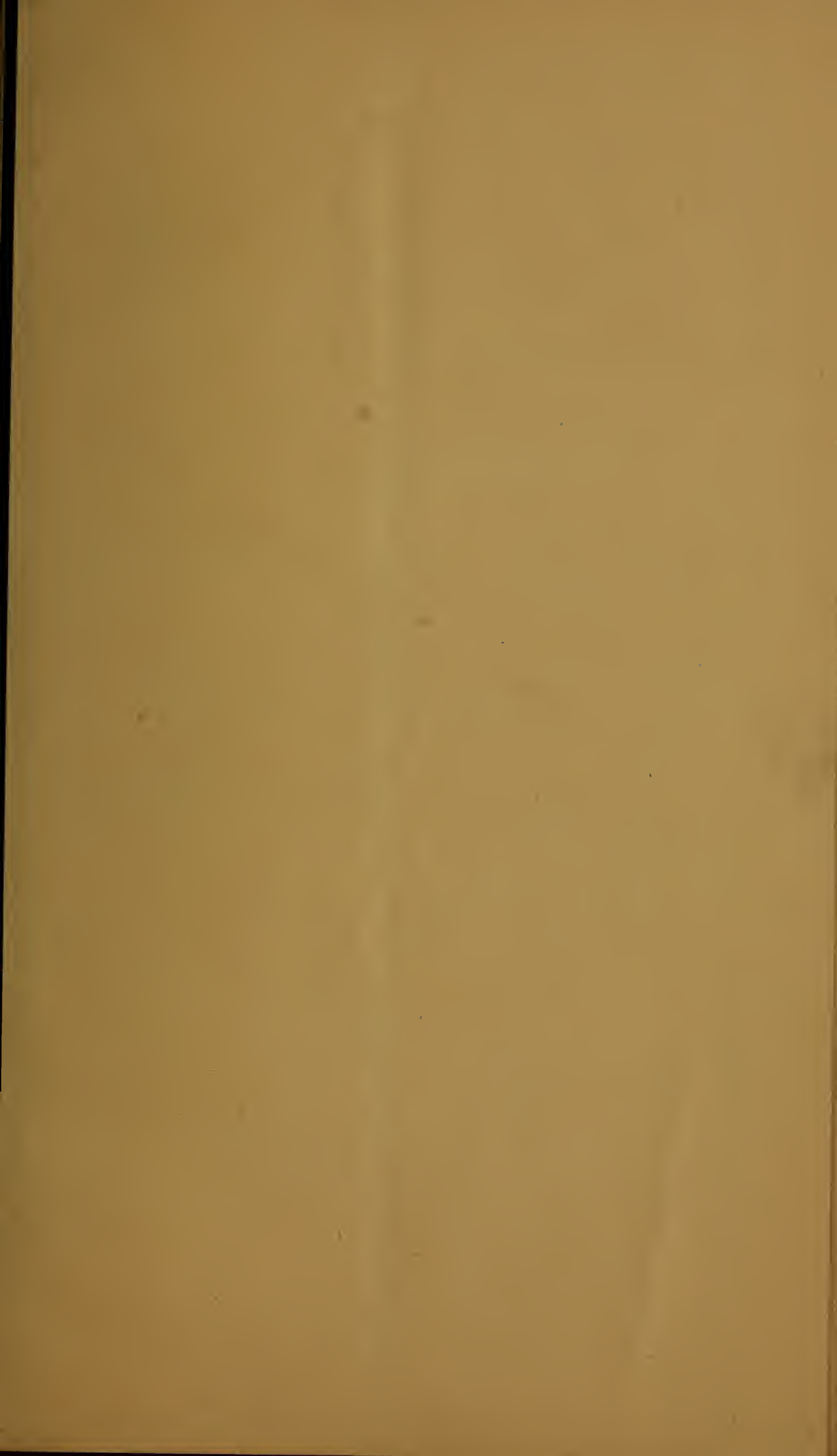
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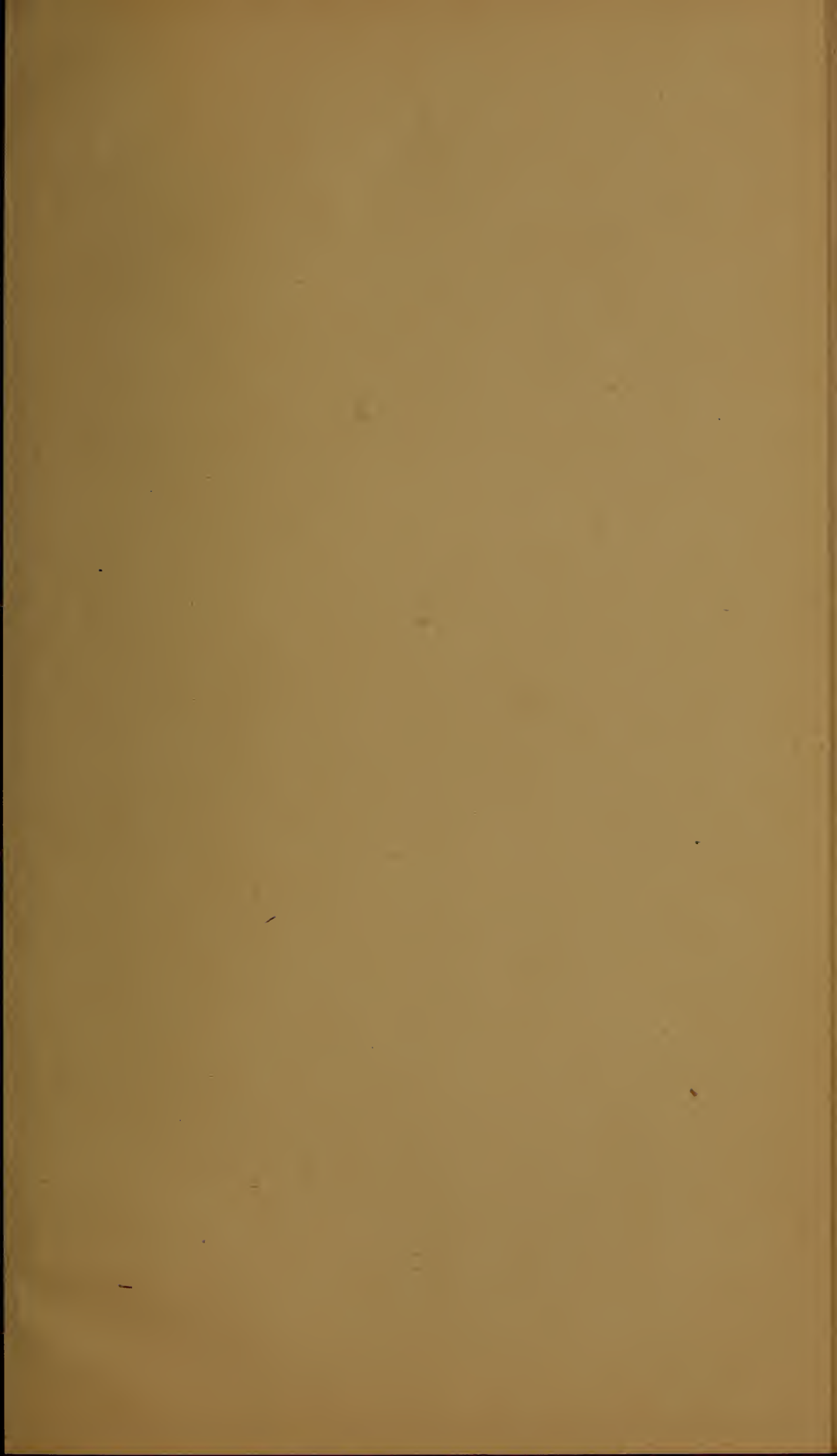
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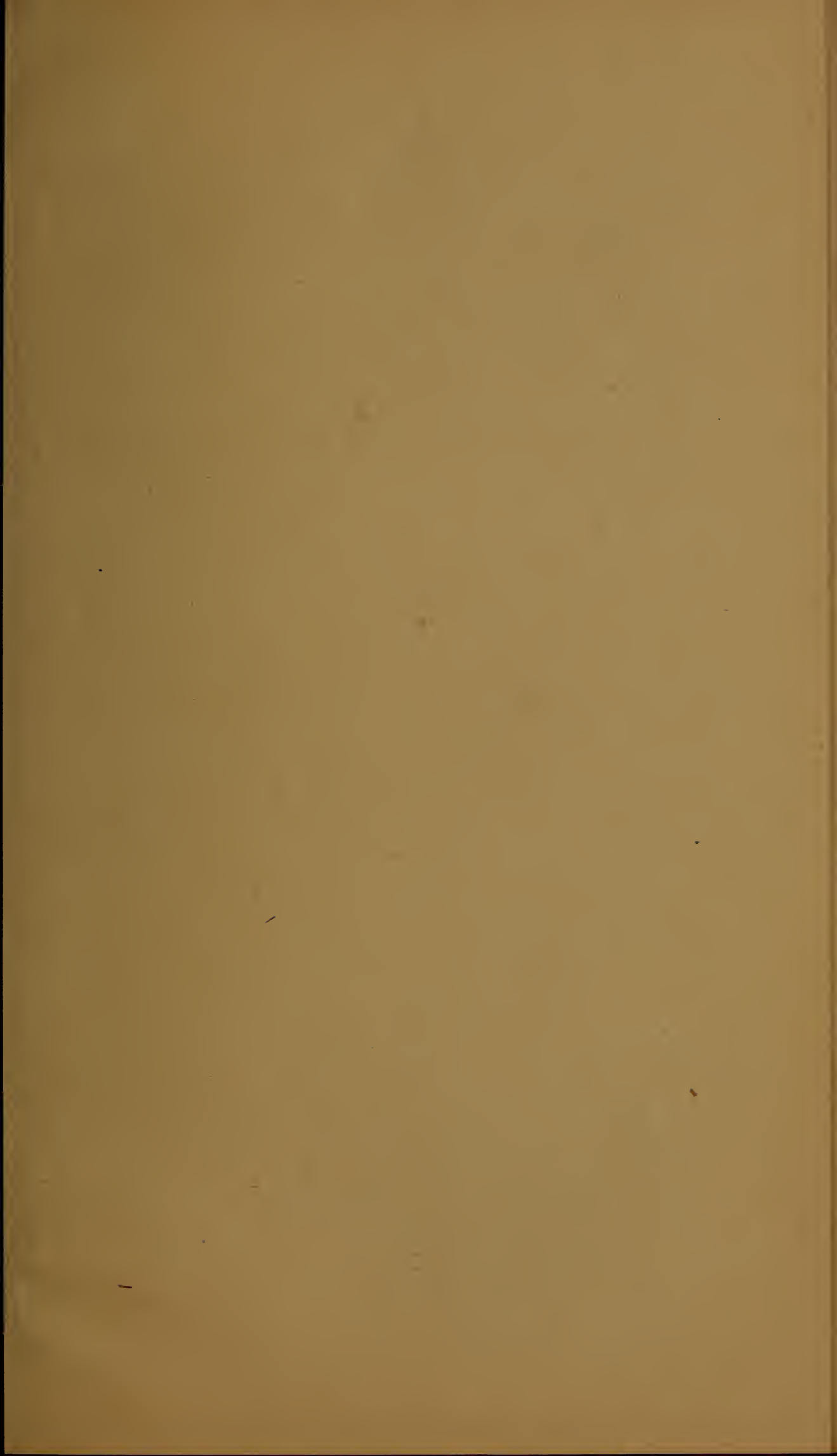
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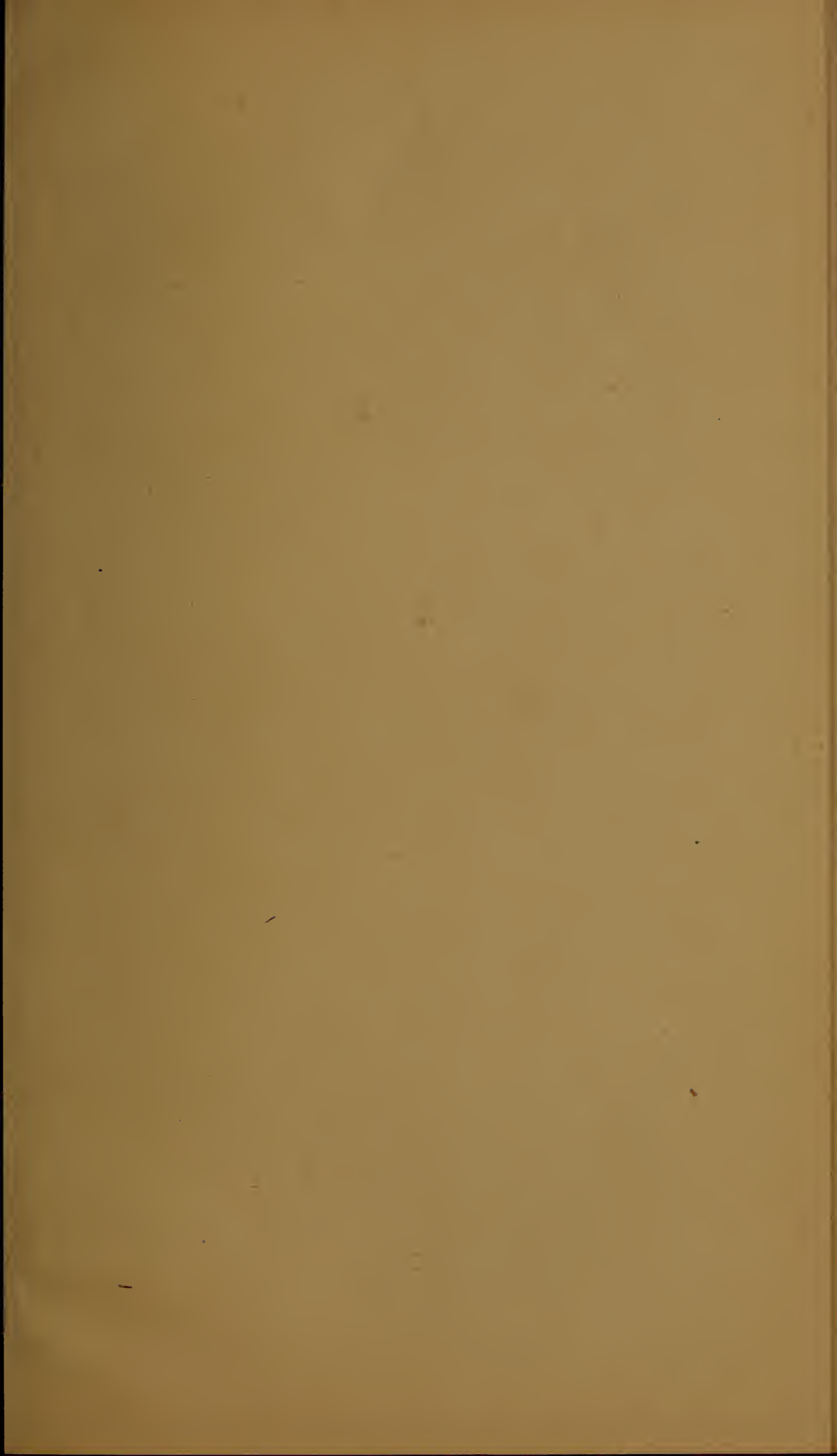
ART. II.—Every proposition to alter or amend these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing at one stated meeting, and may be balloted for at the next stated meeting, when, upon receiving the votes of two thirds of the members present, it shall become a part of the By-Laws.

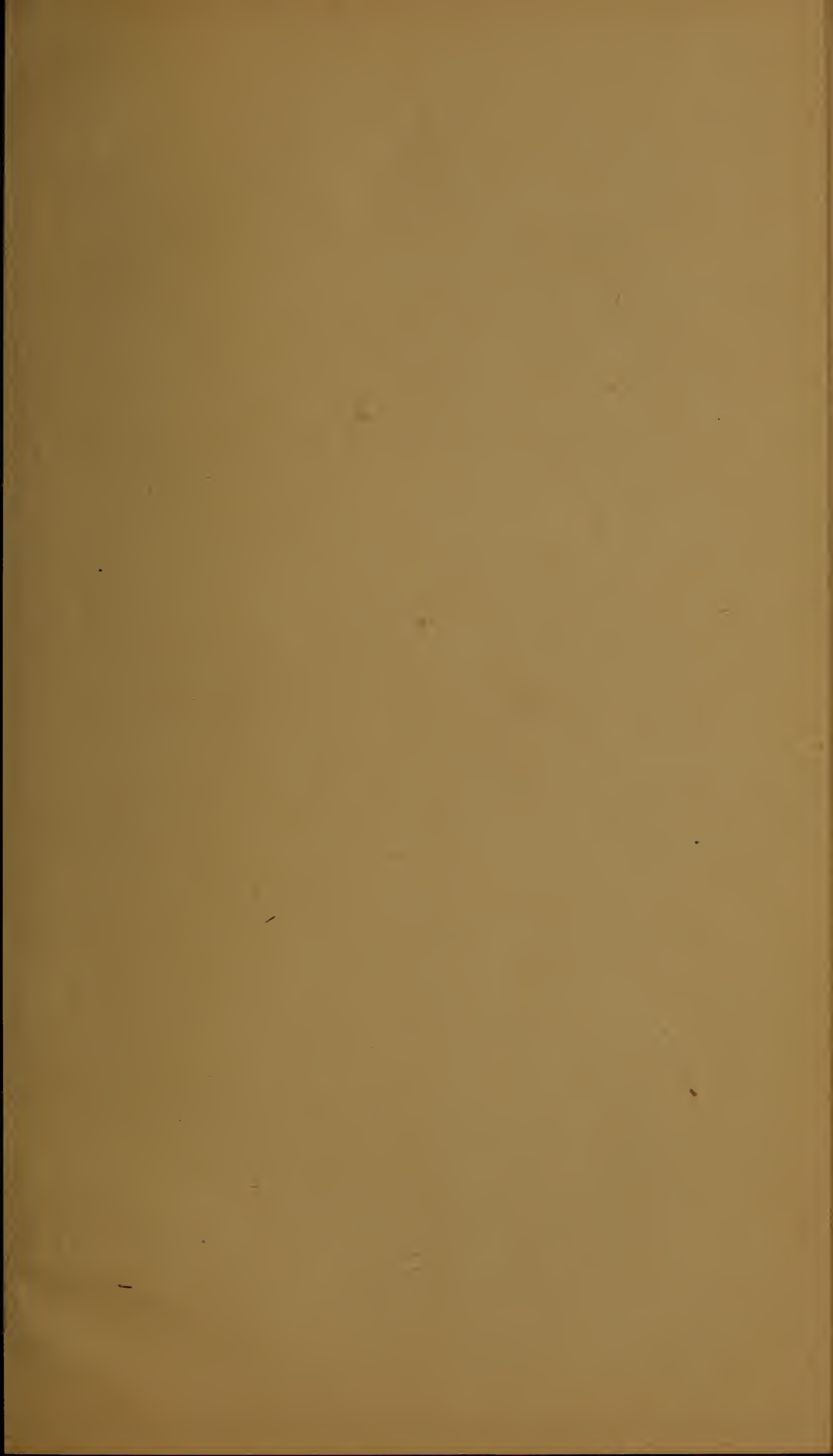
ART. III.—No one or more of these By-Laws shall be suspended.

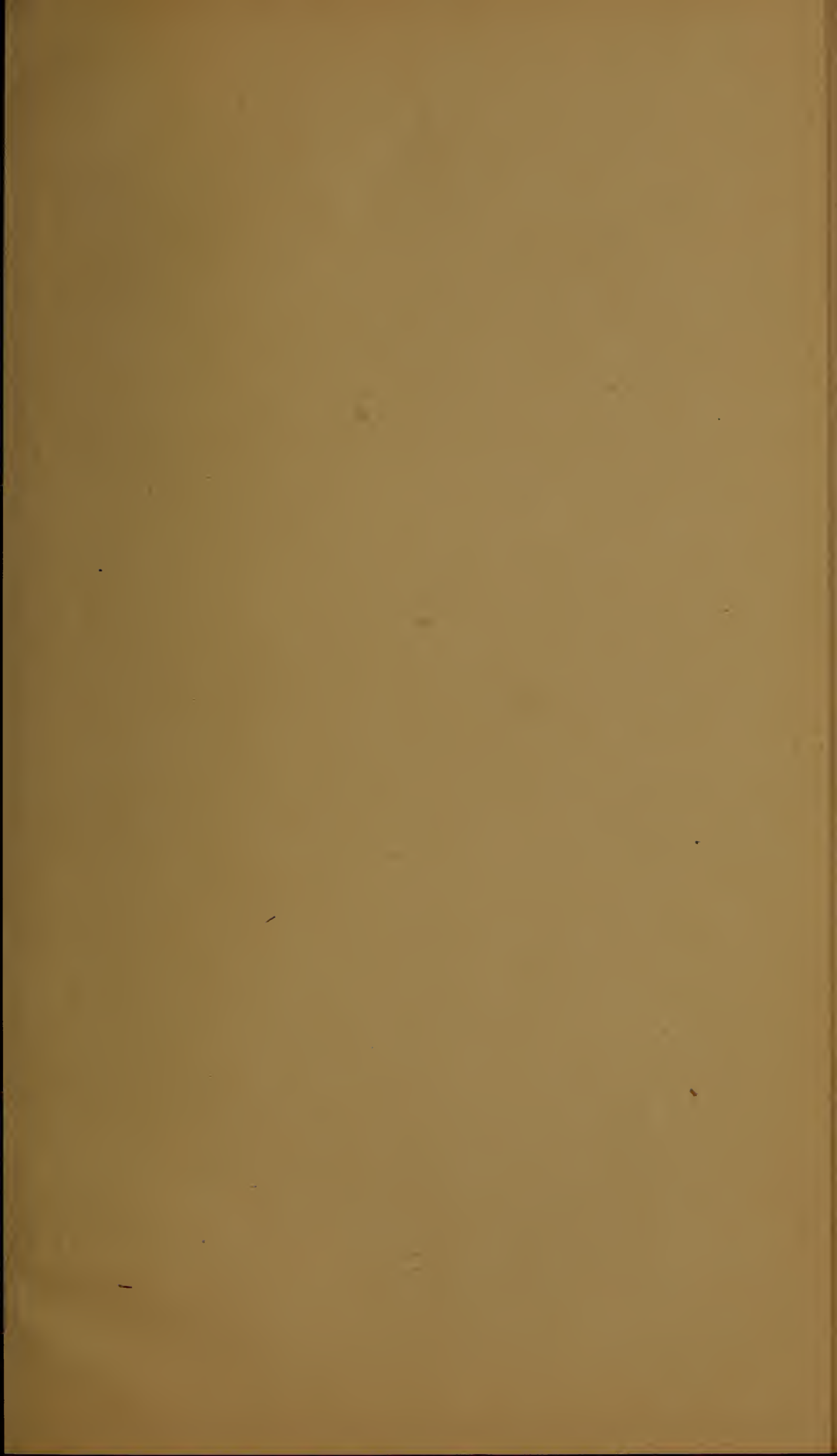


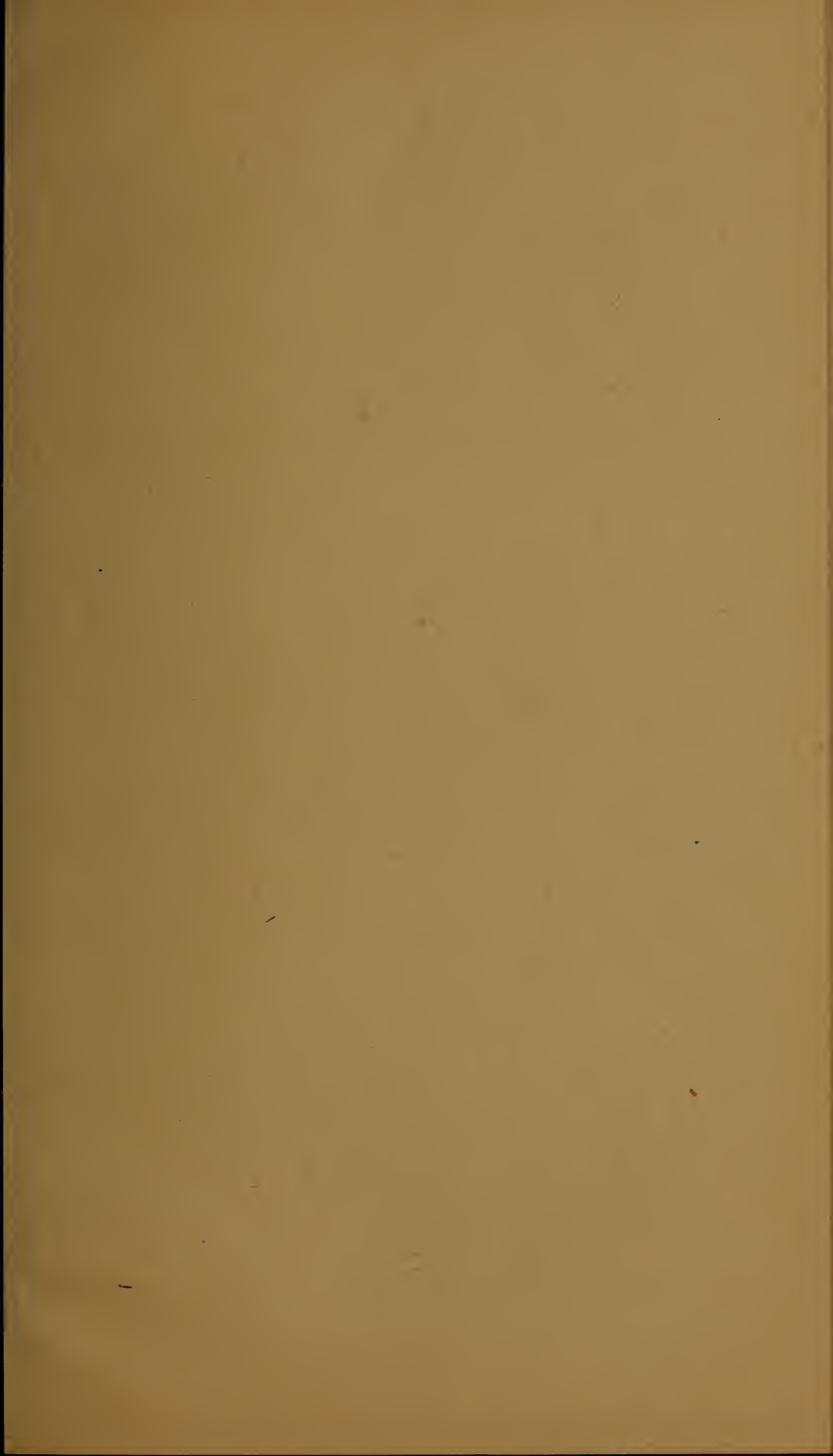


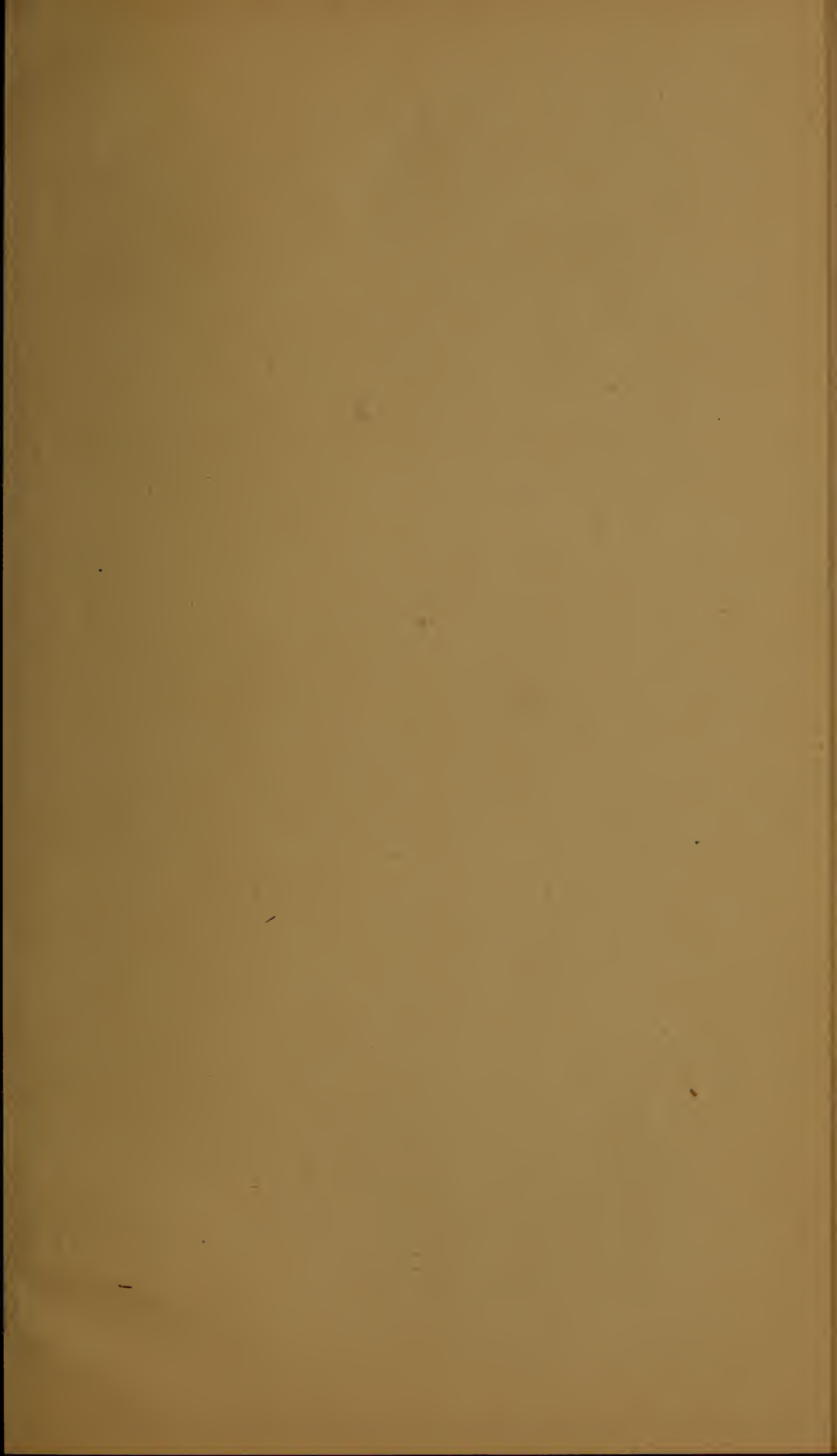


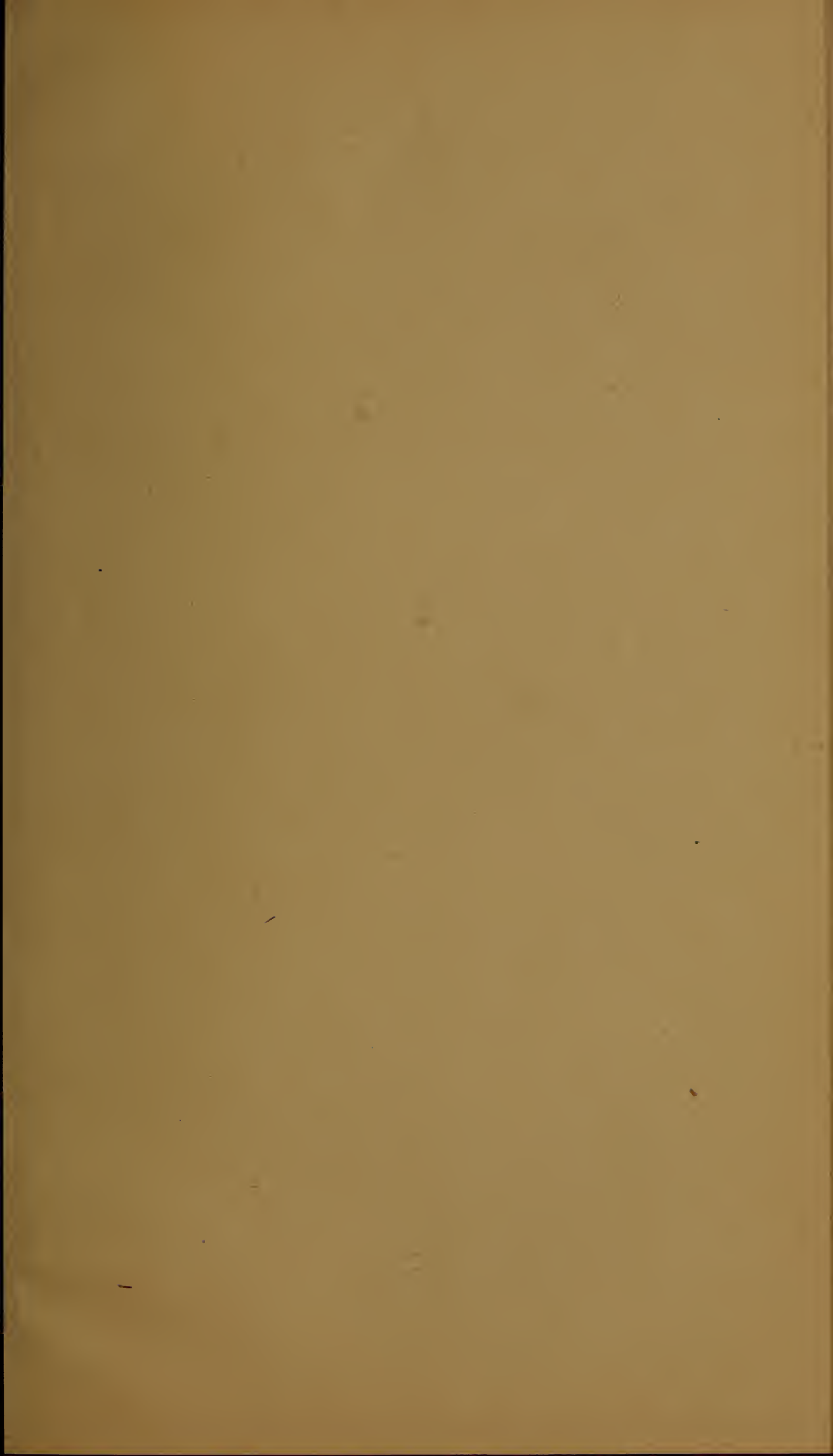


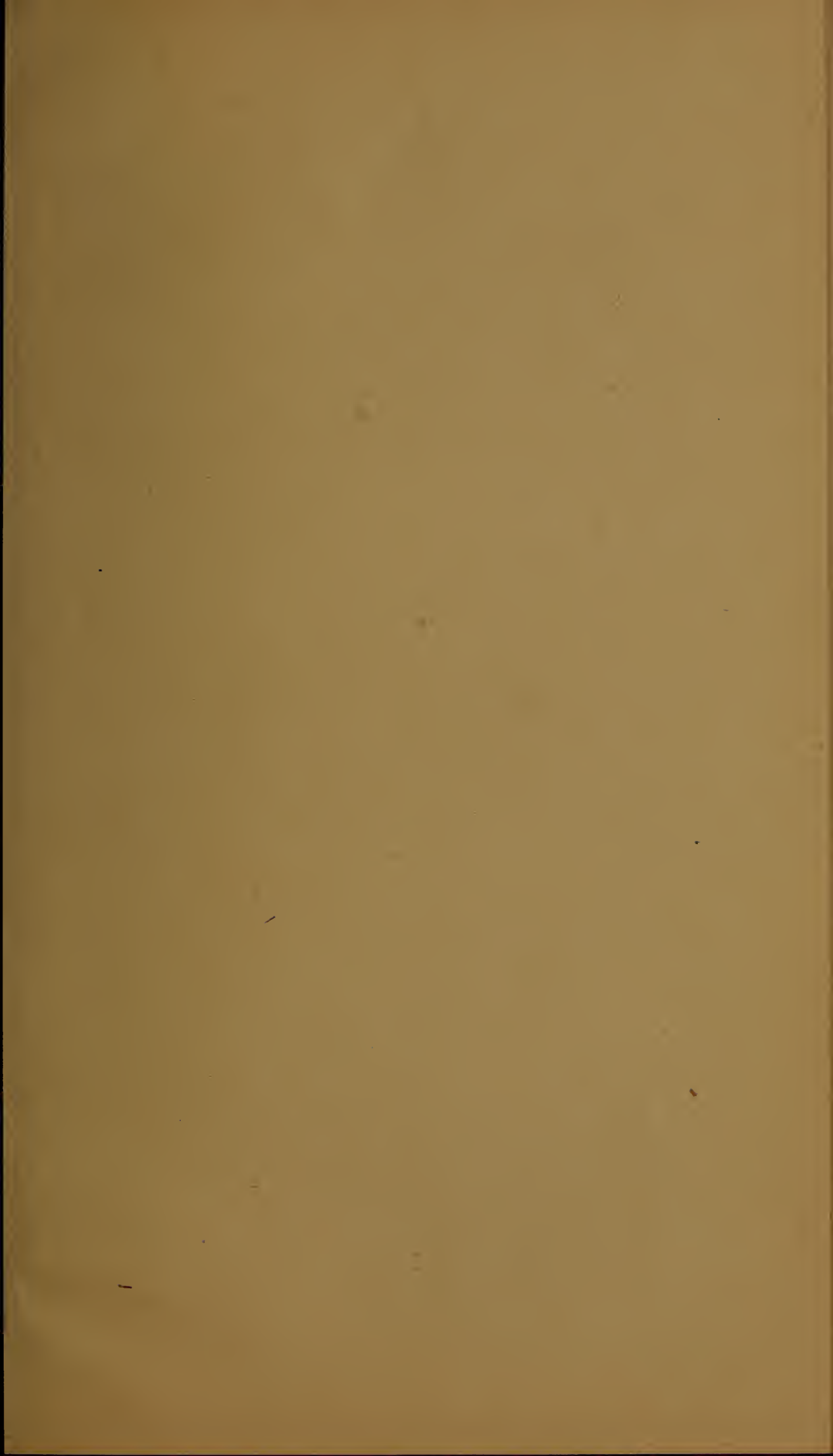


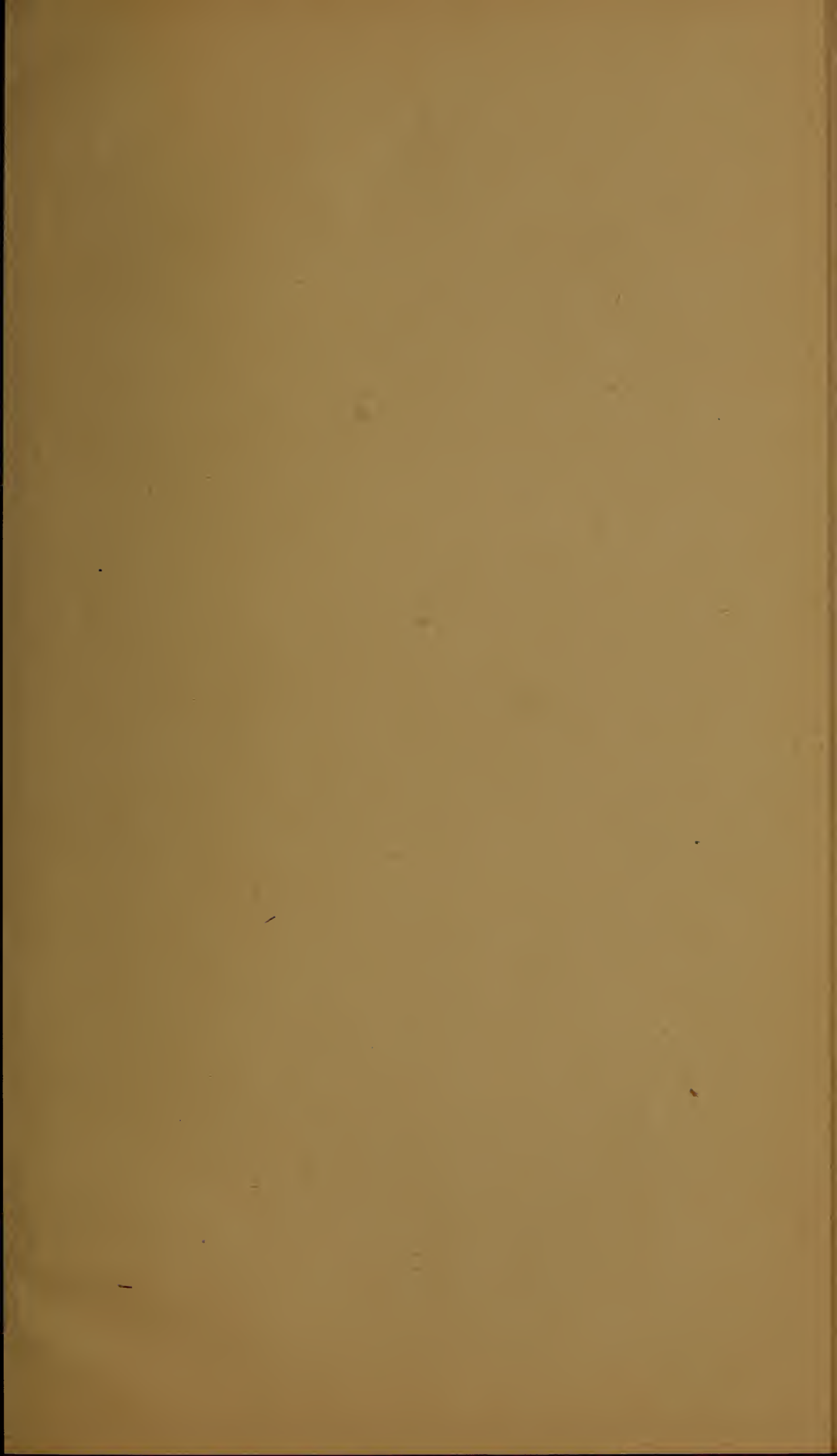


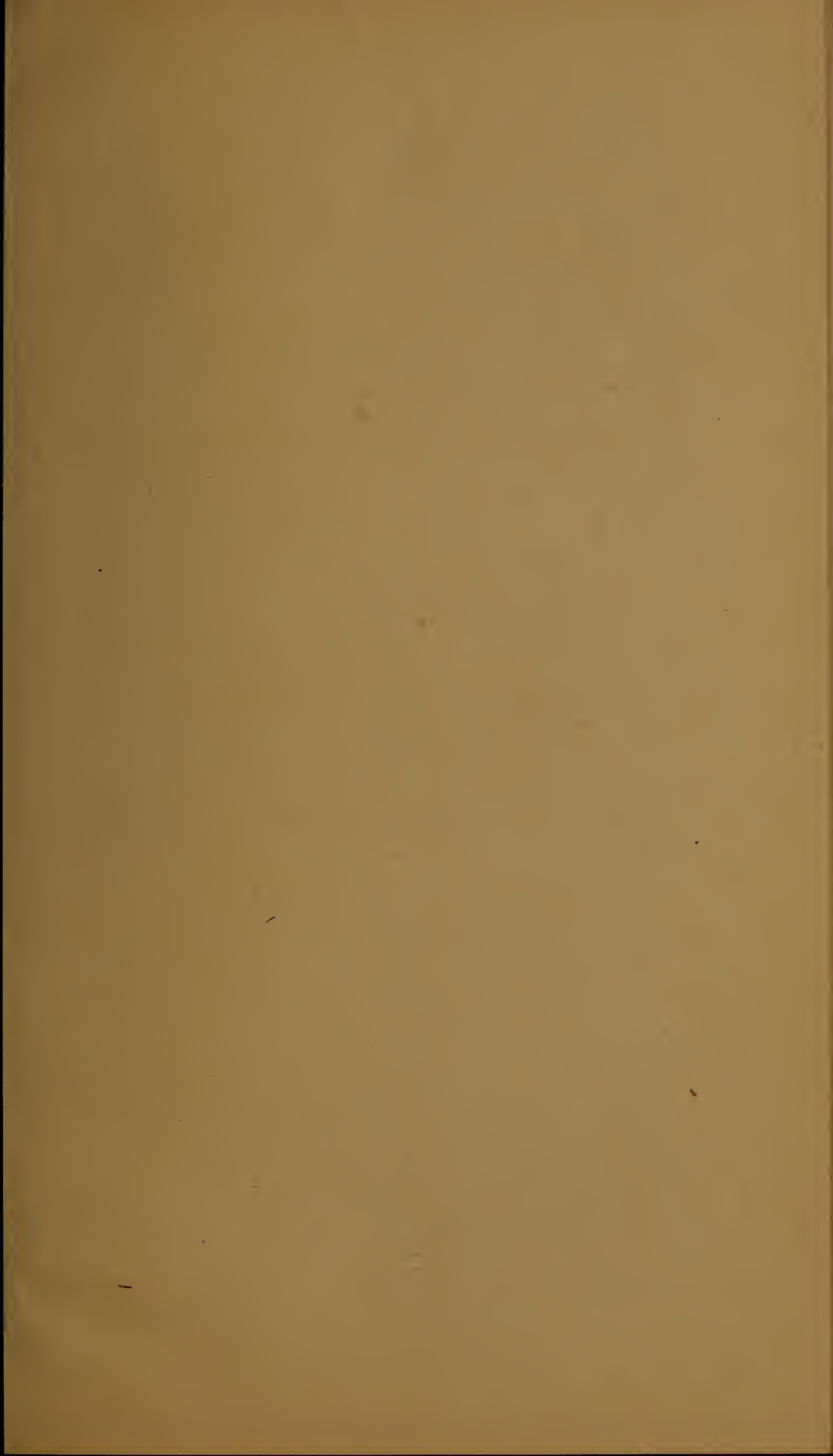


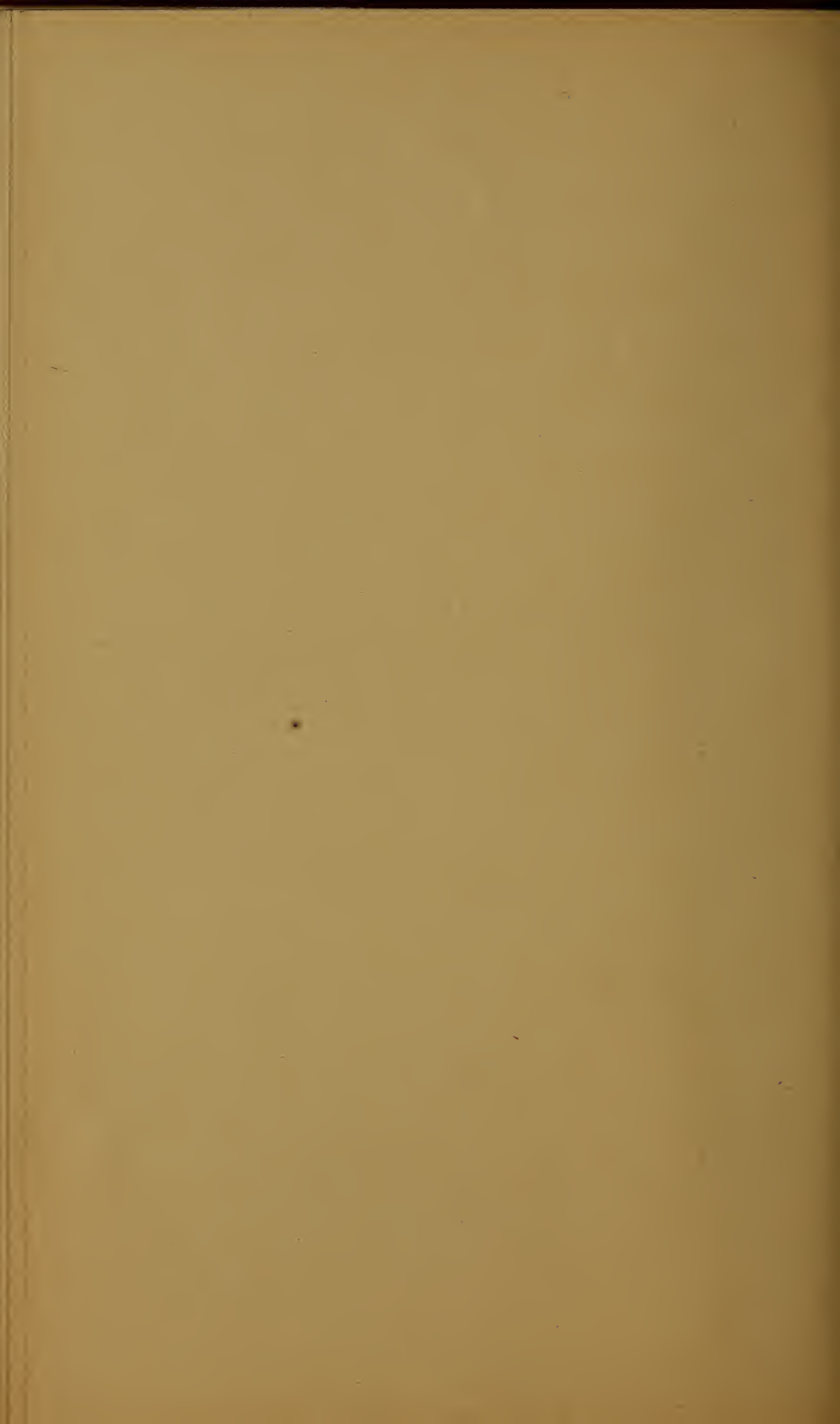




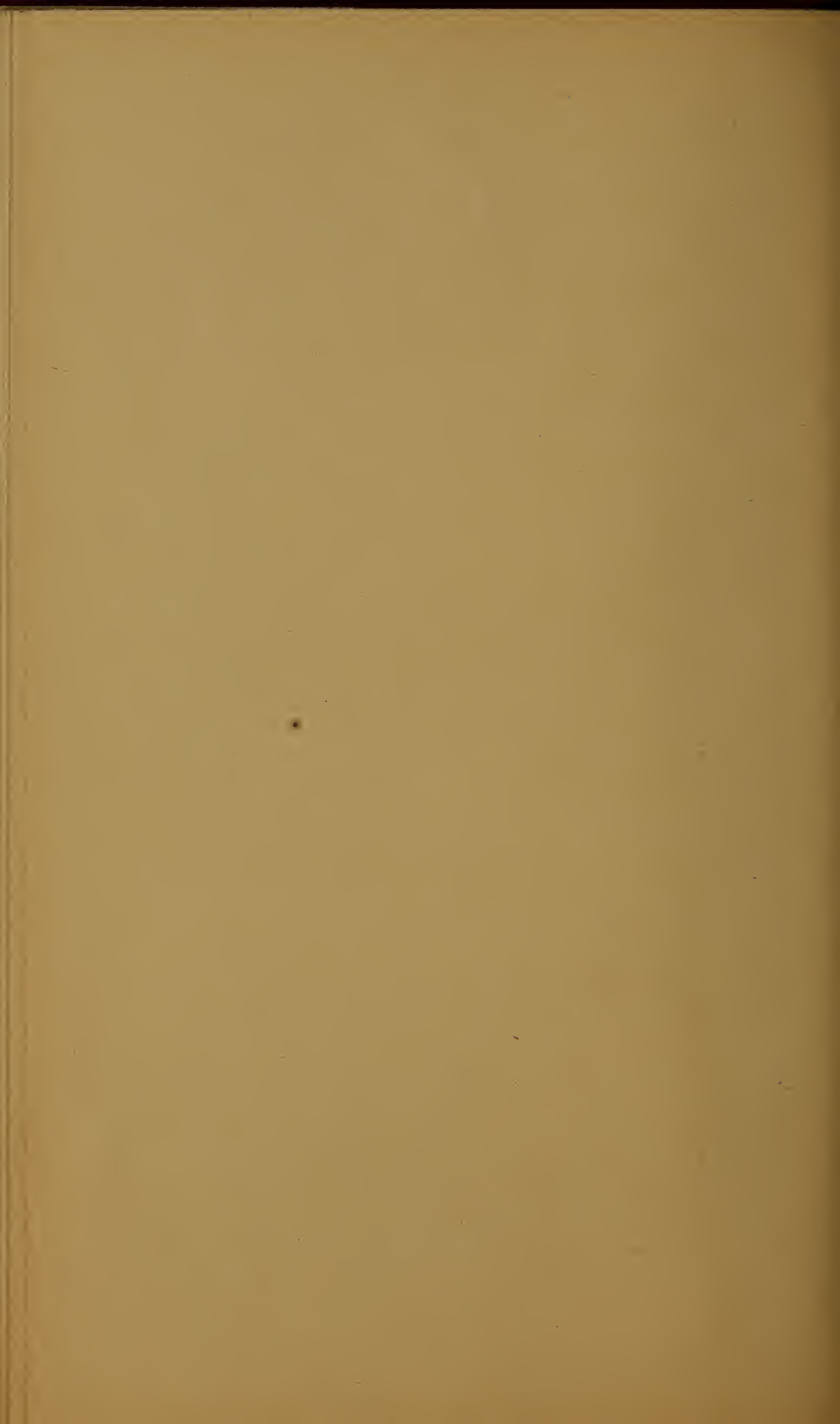




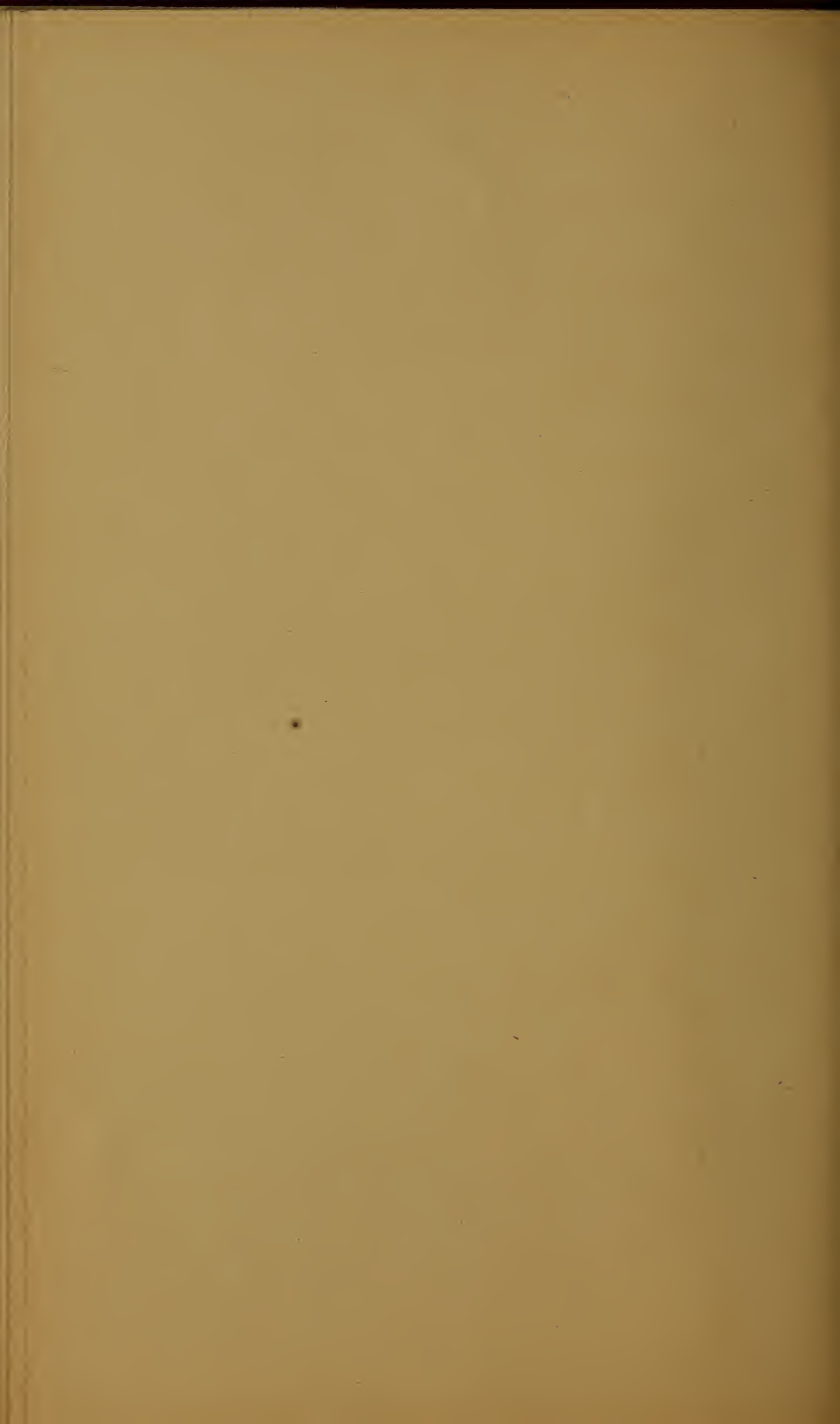




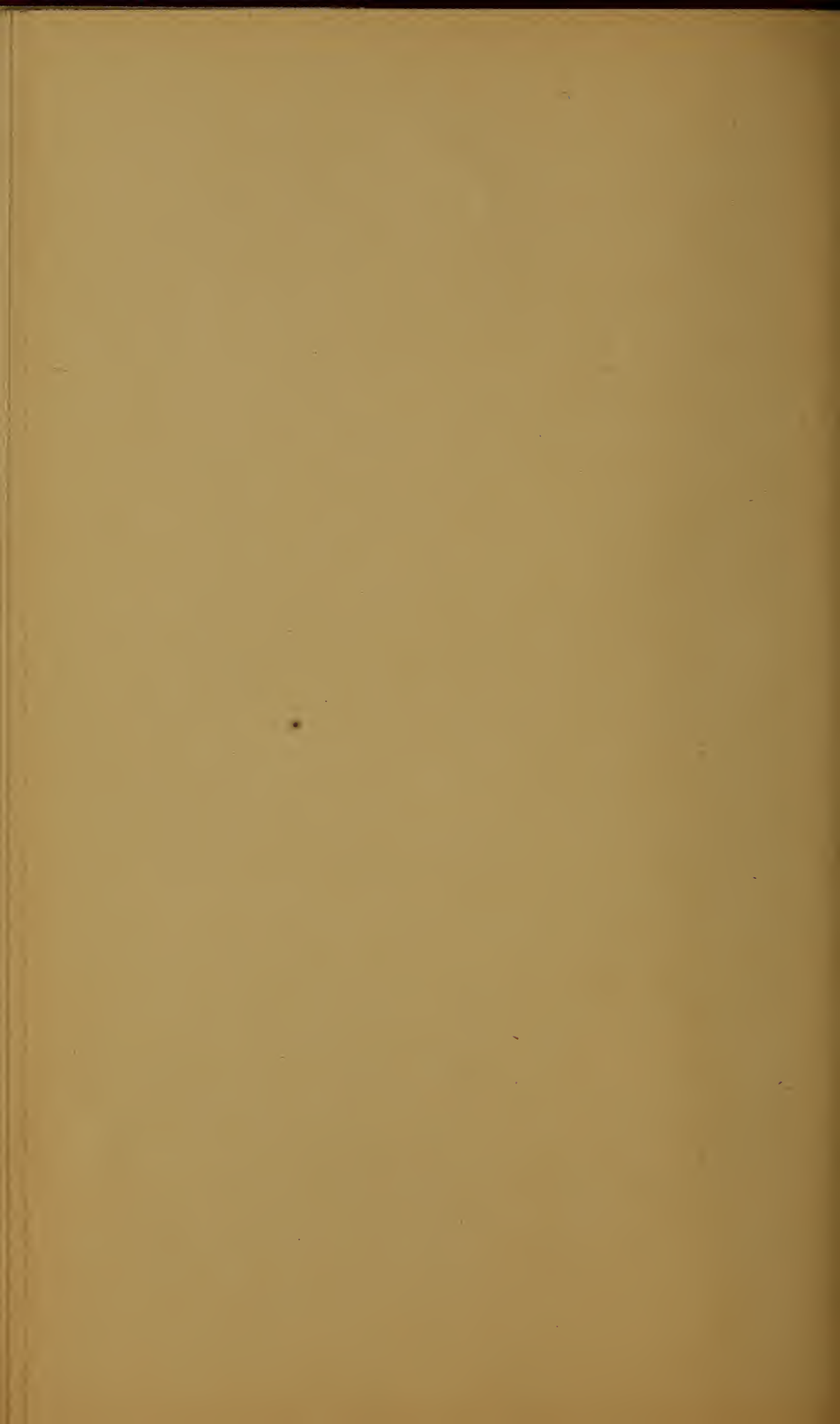




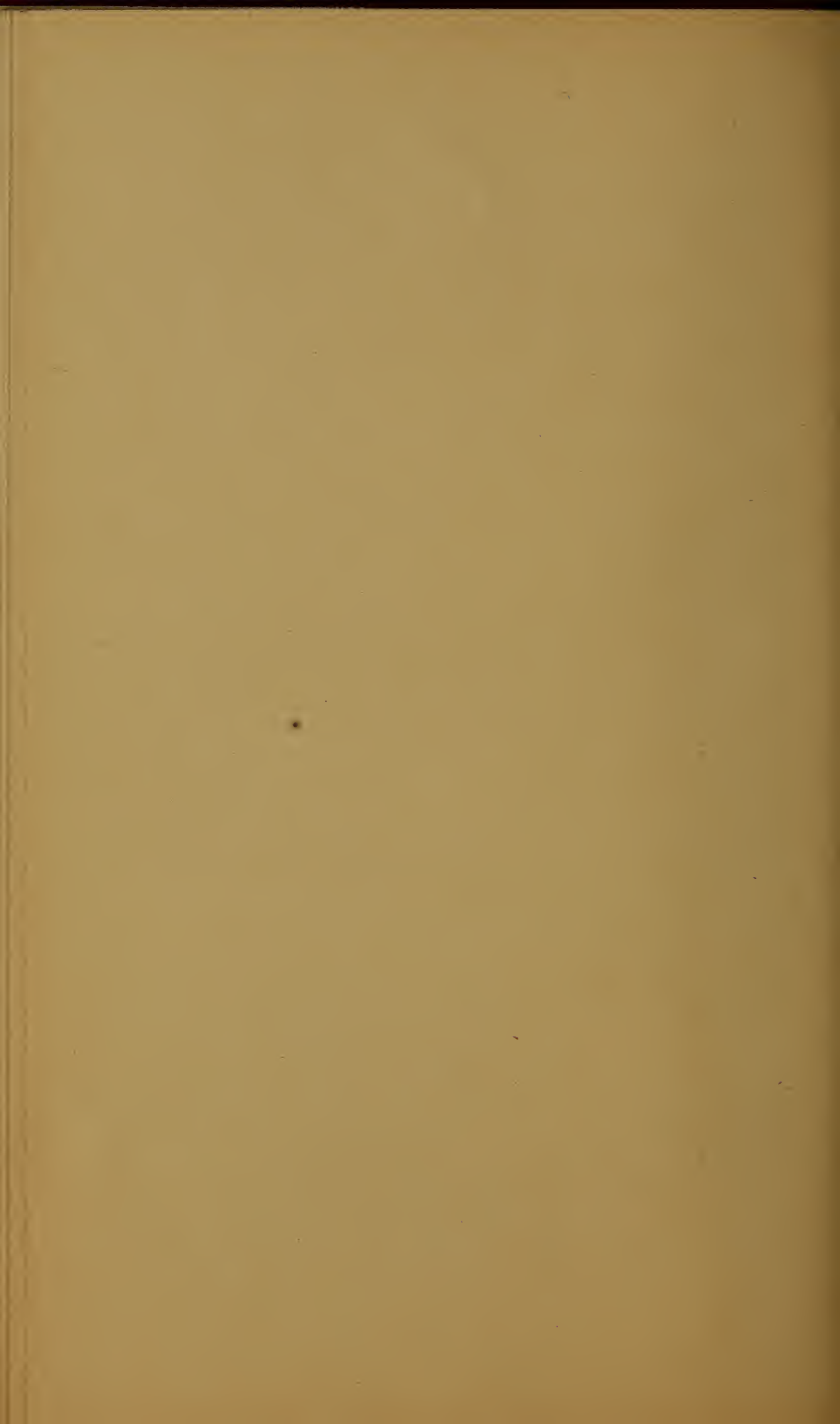




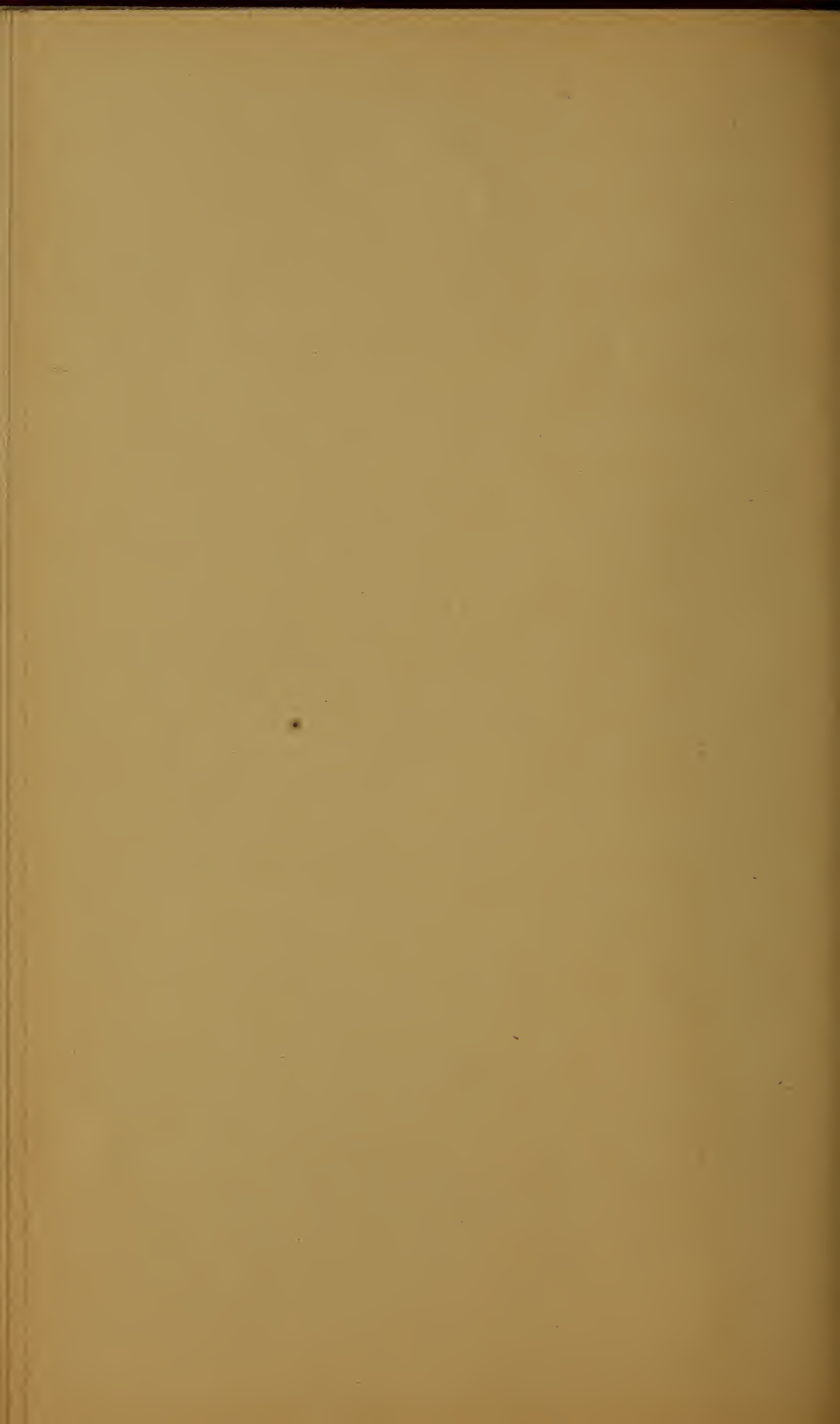




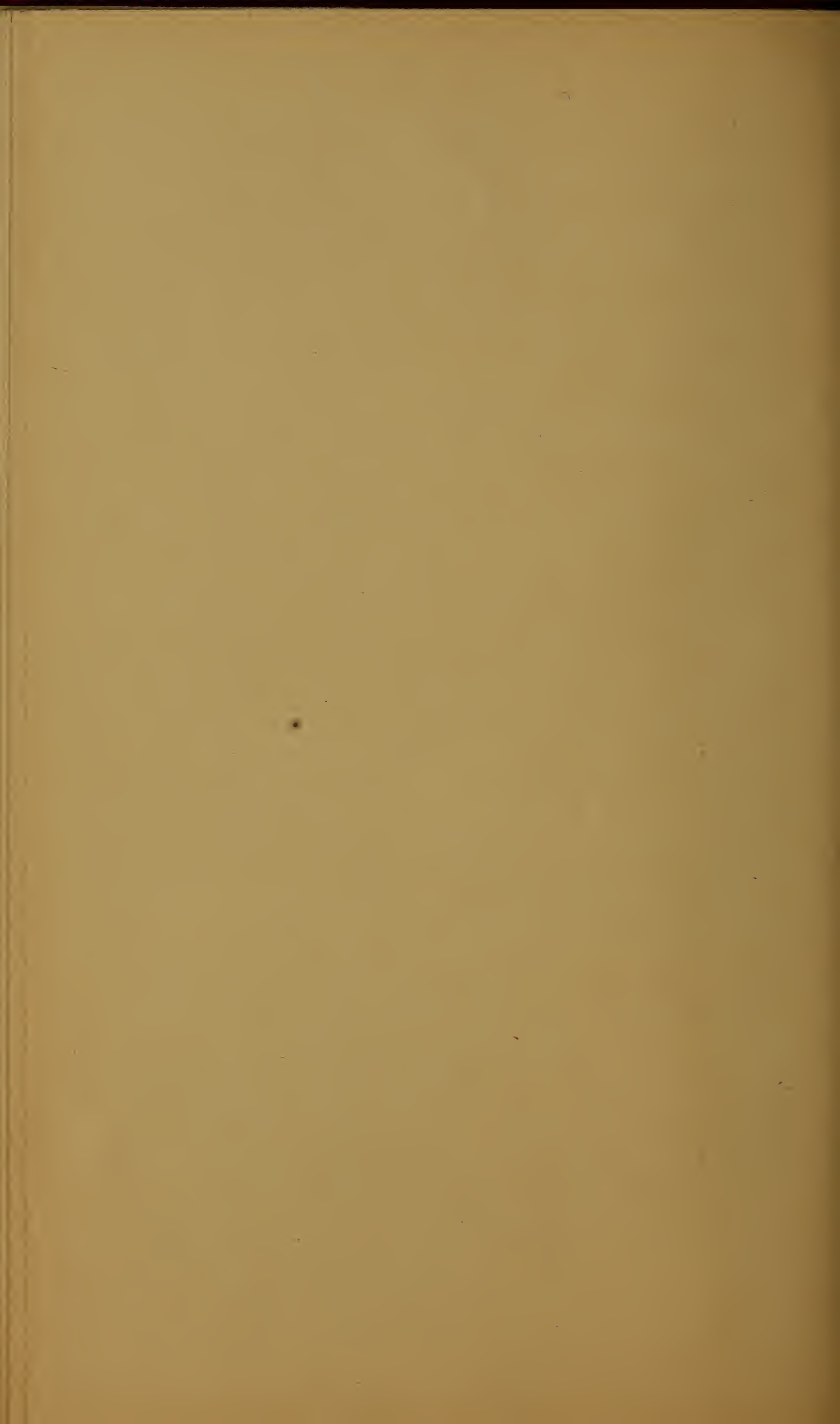




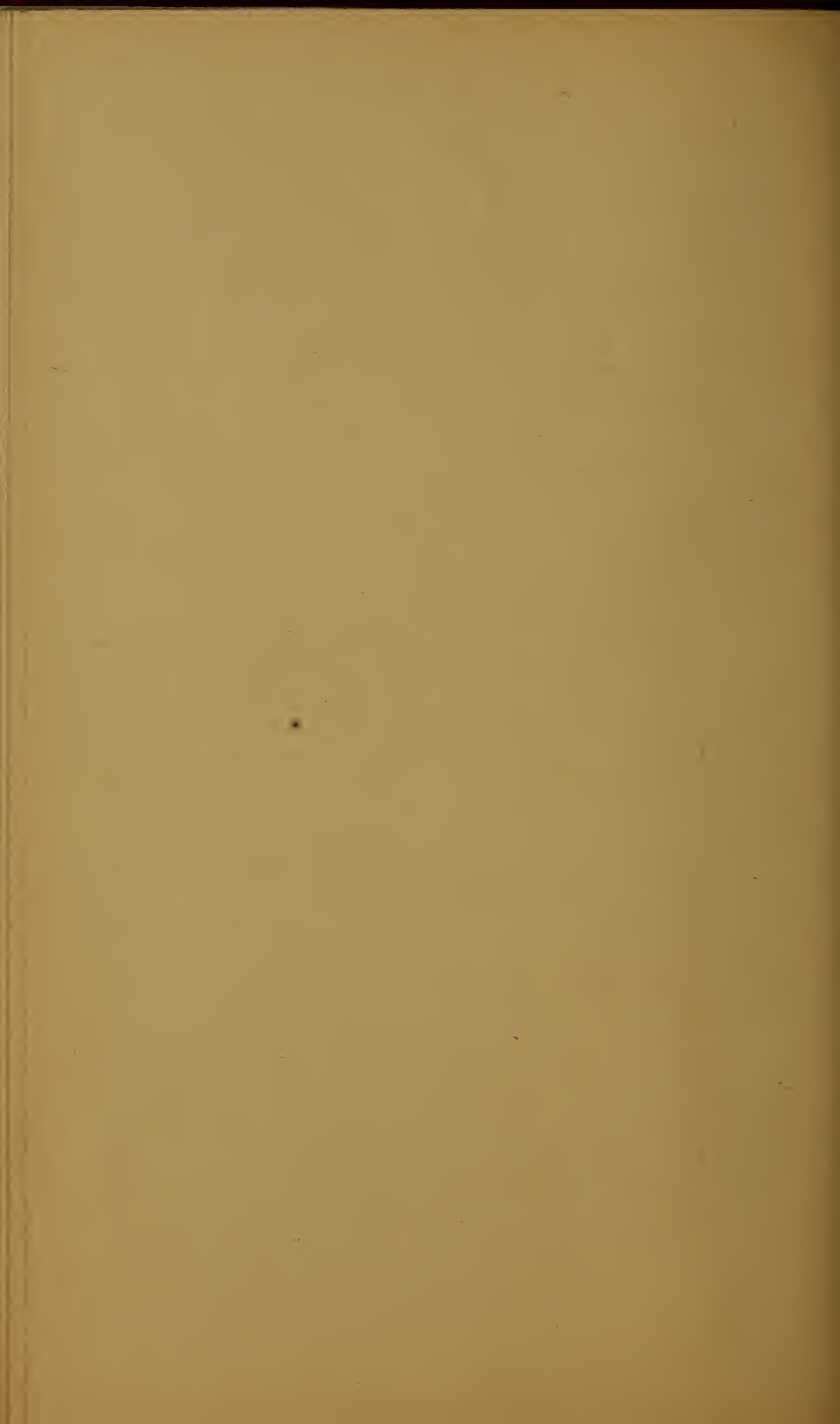




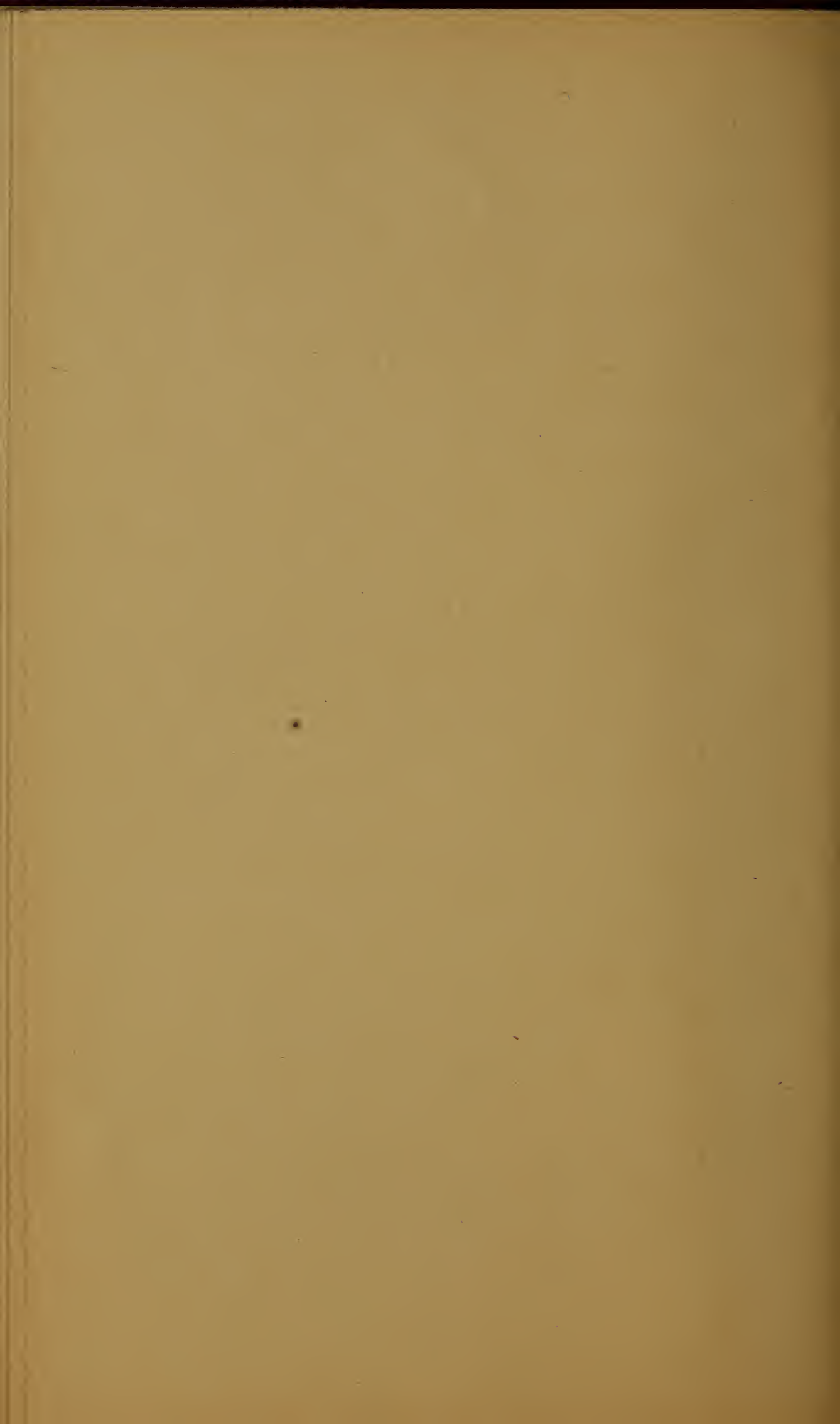




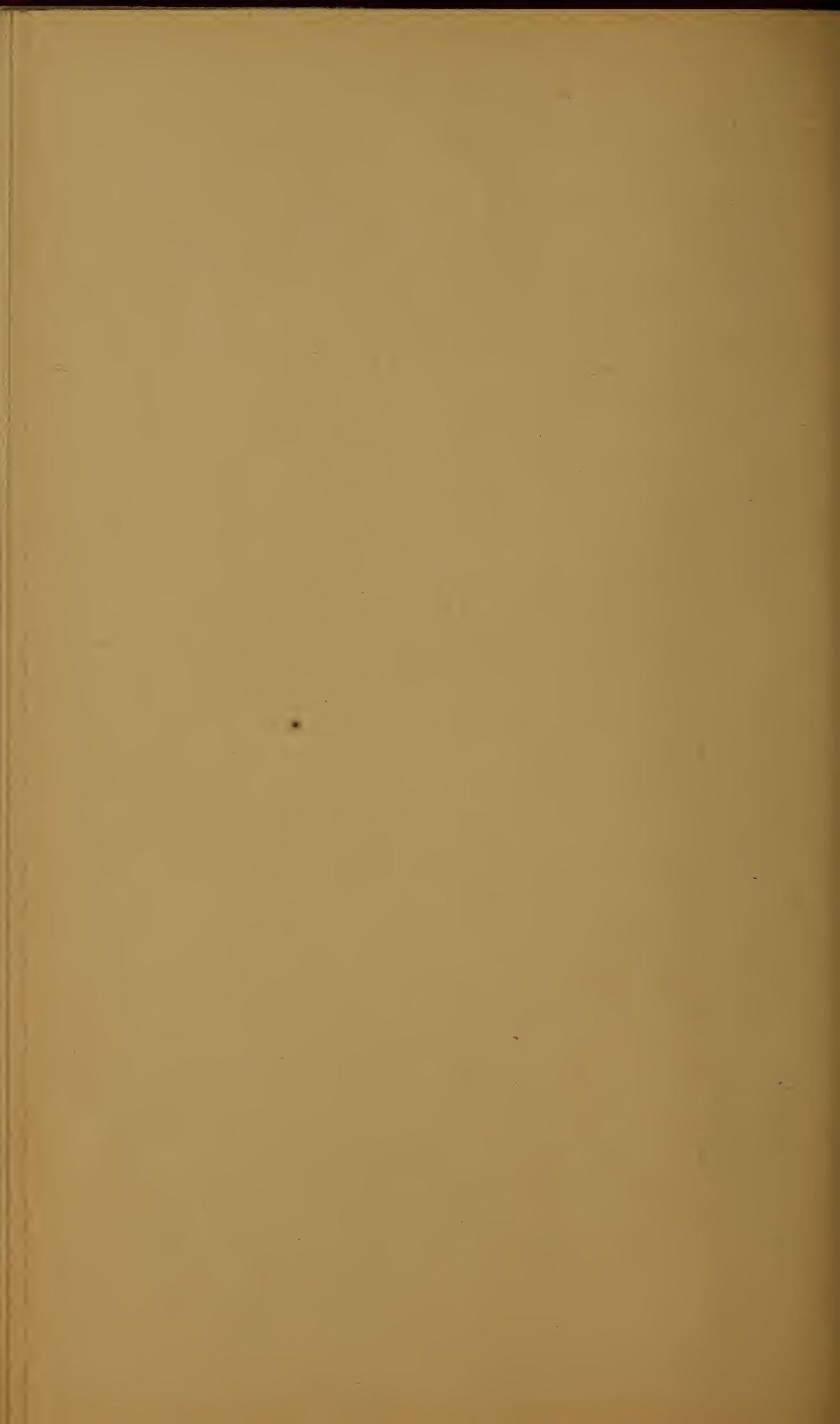




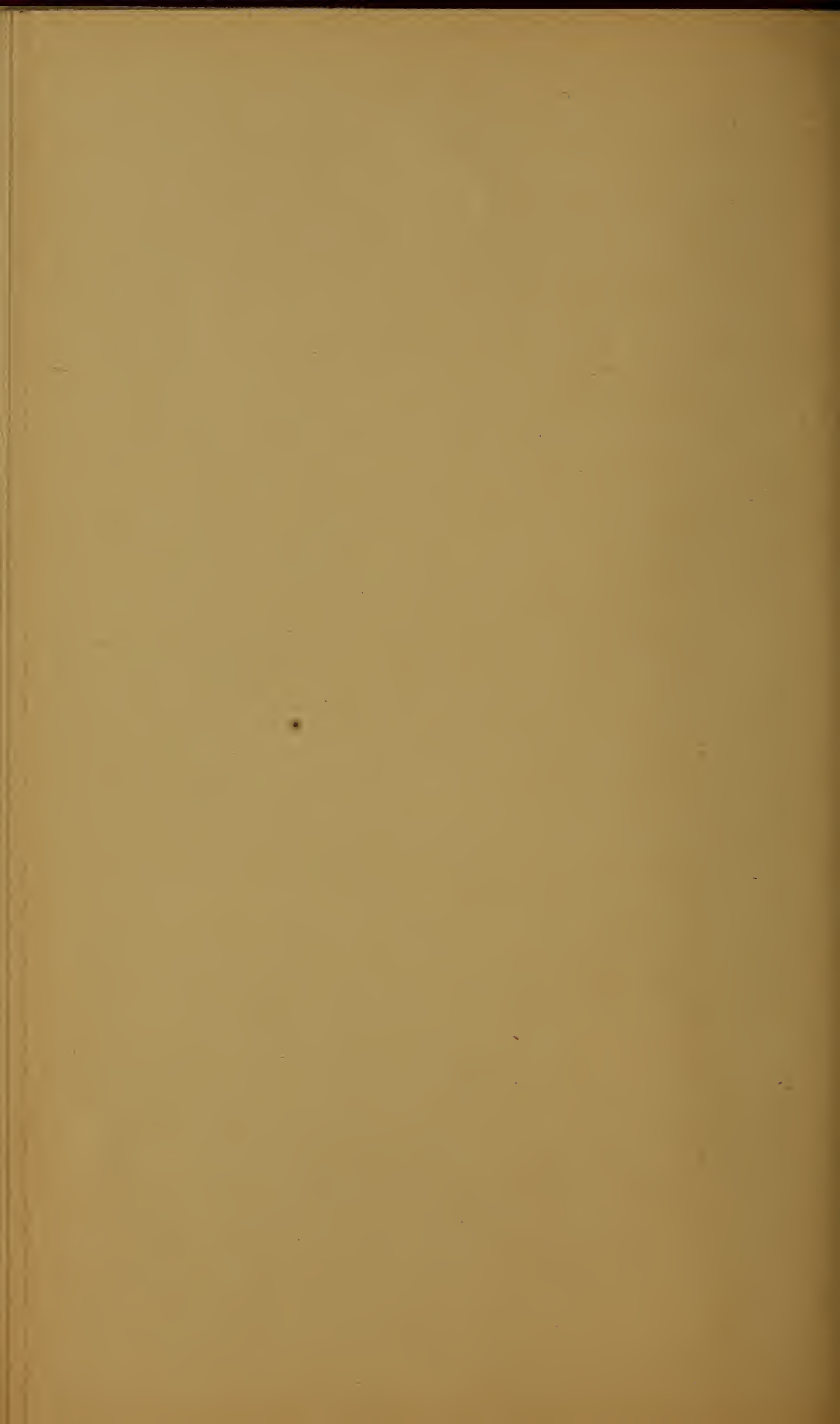




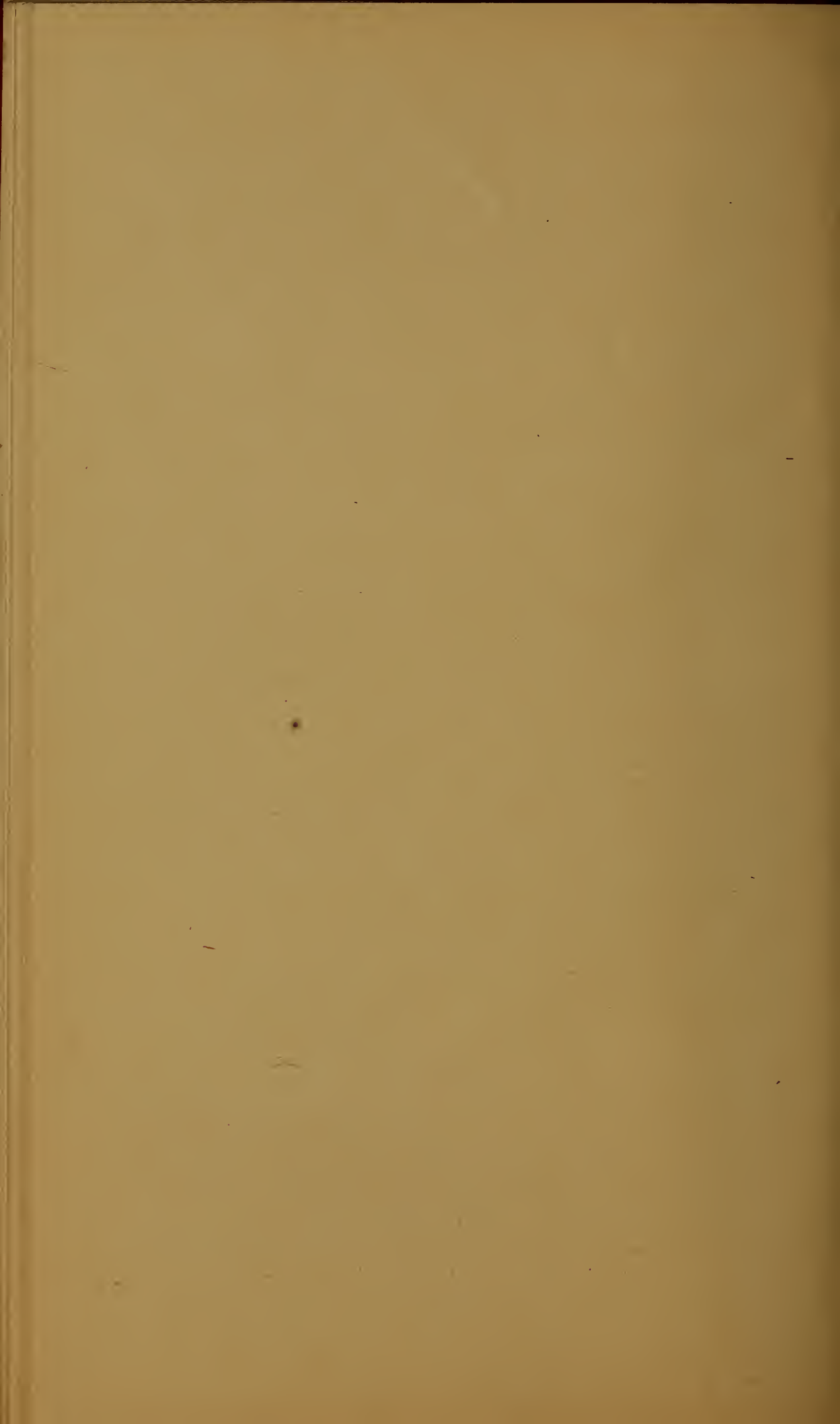


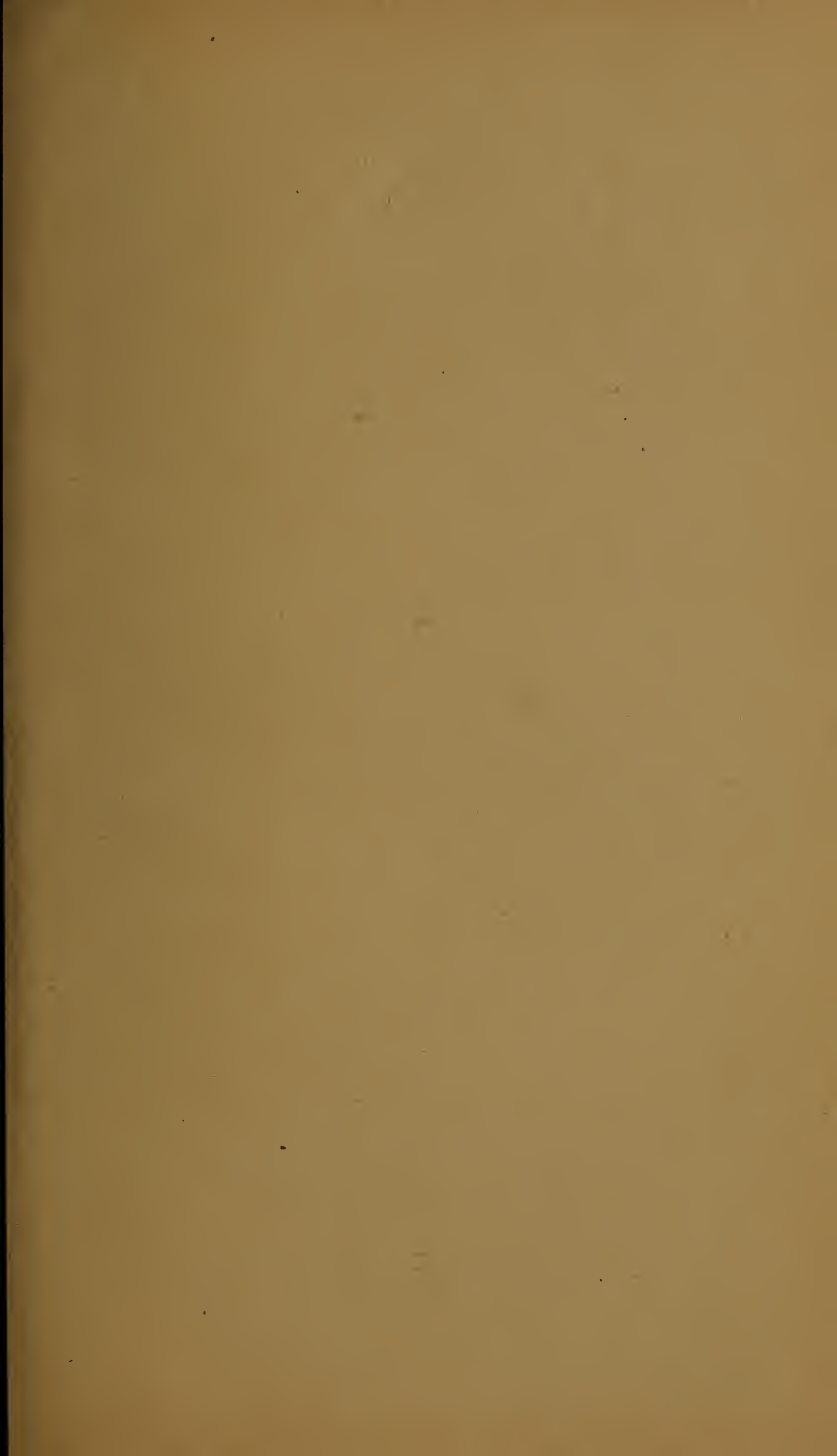


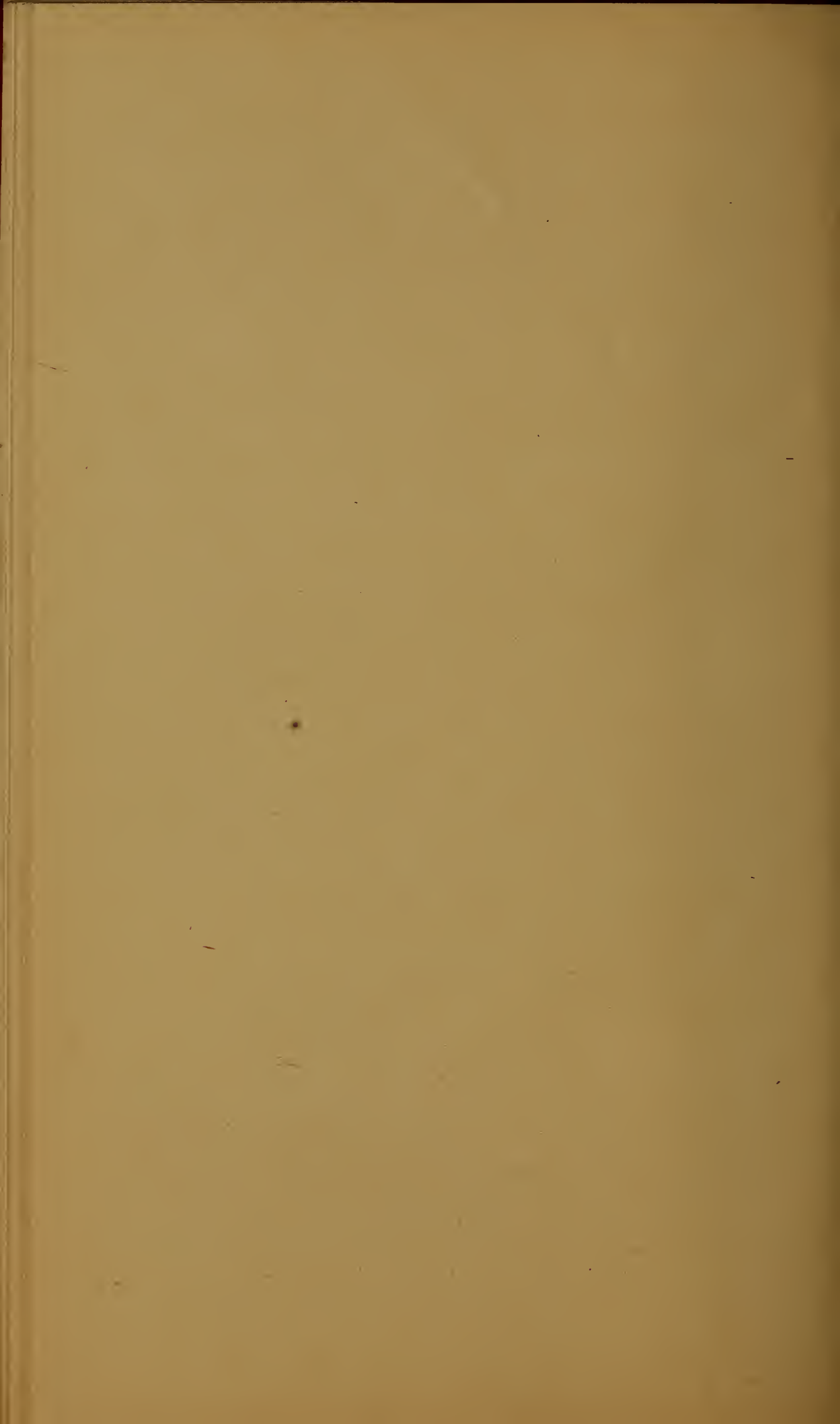


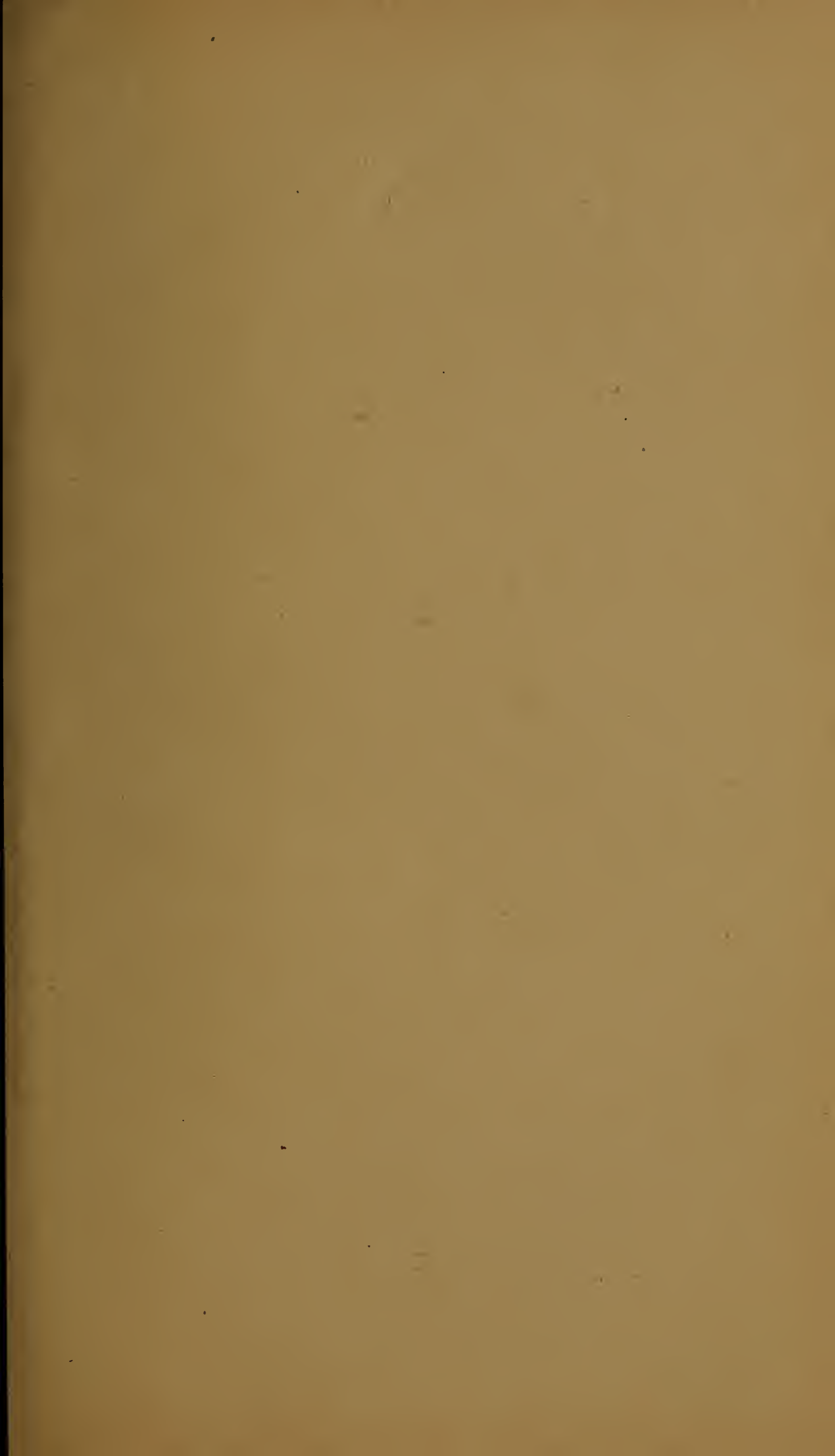


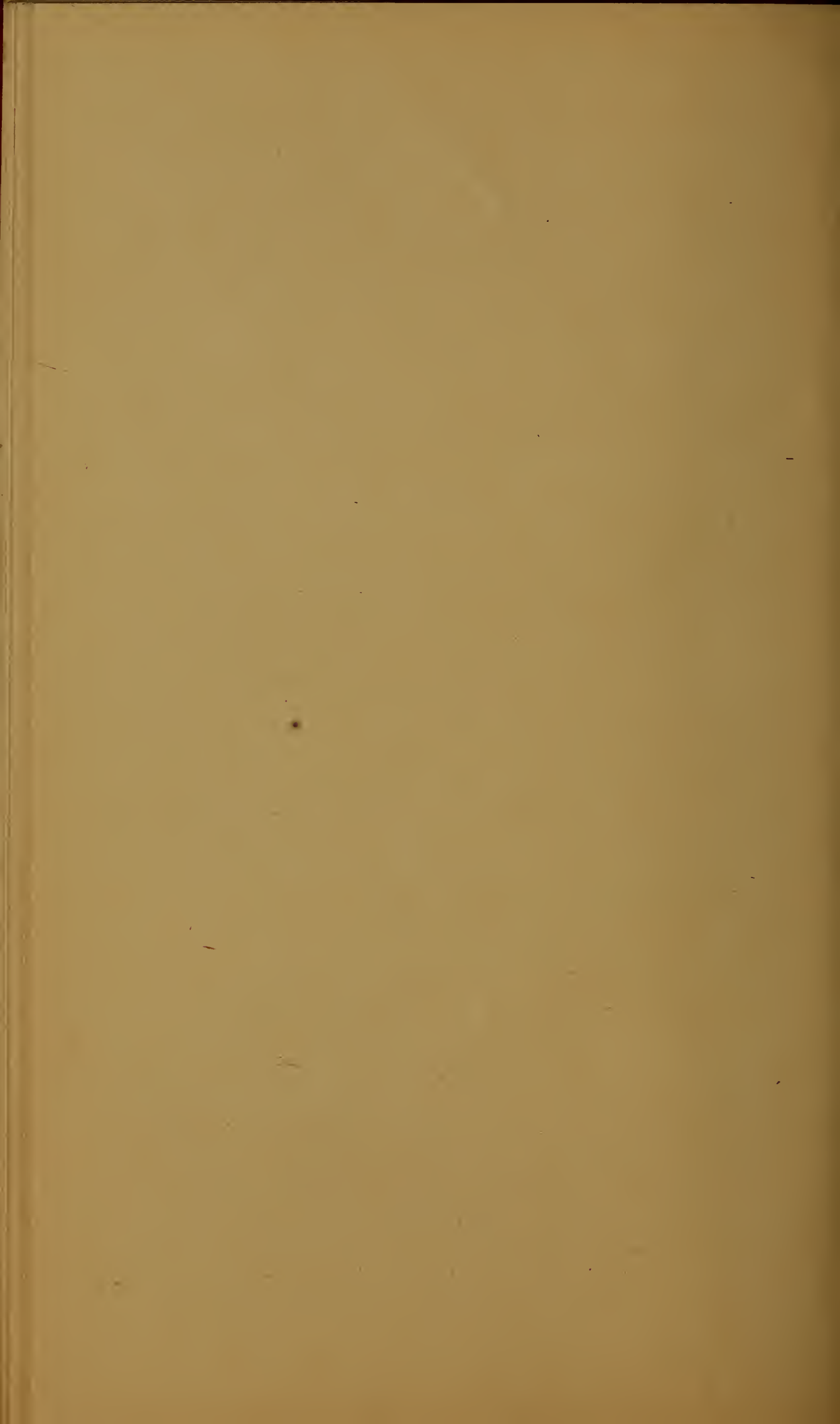


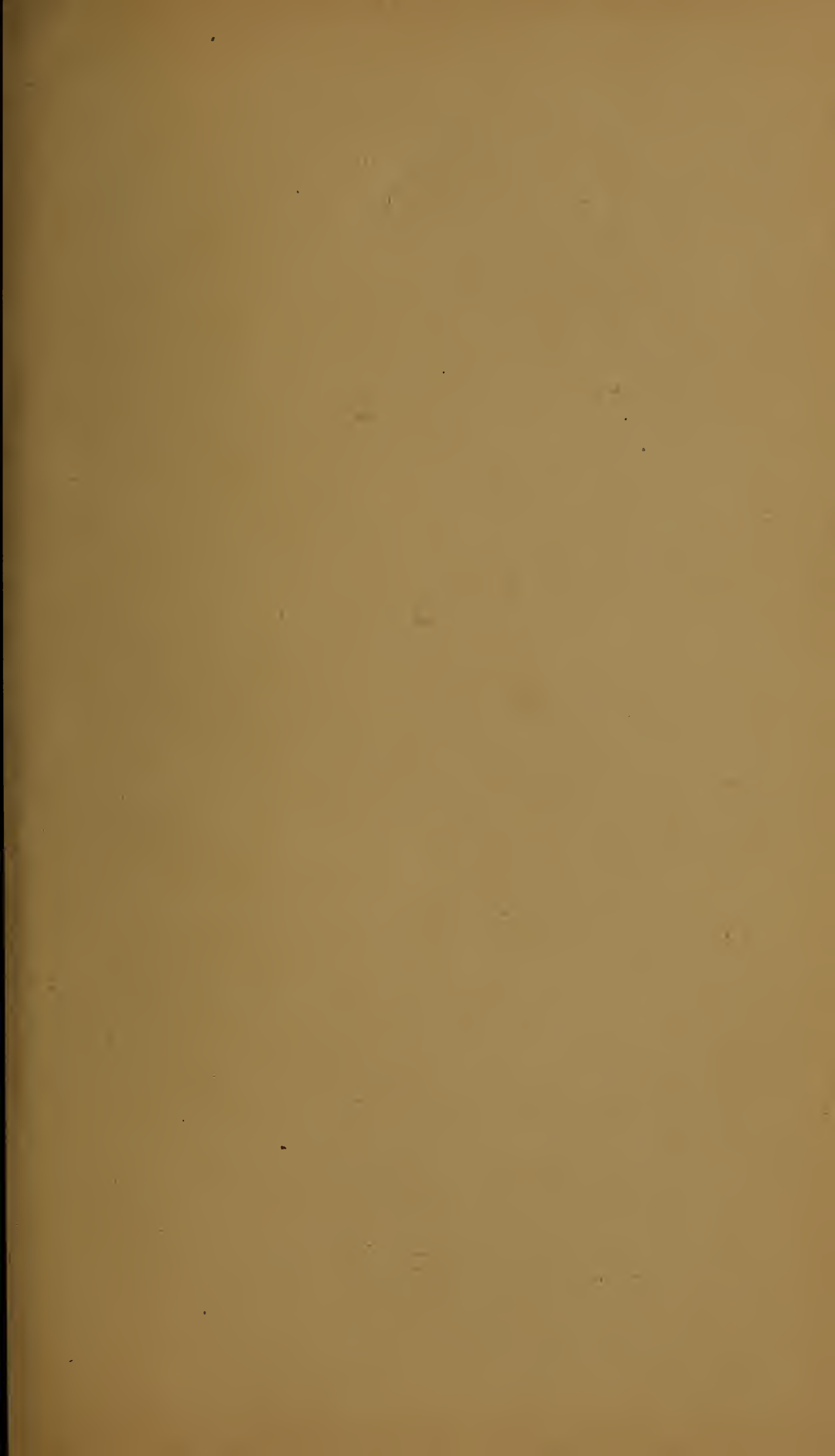


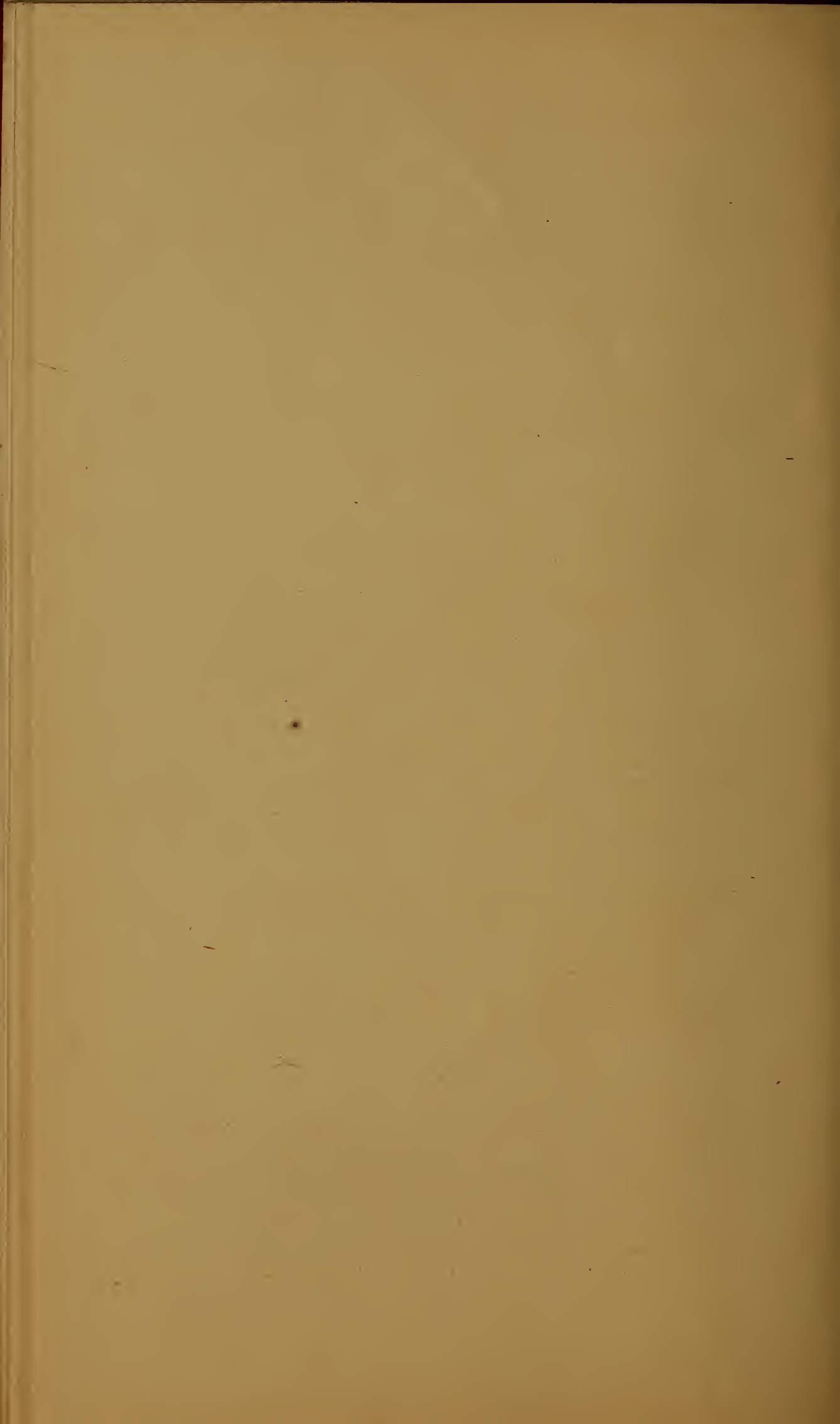


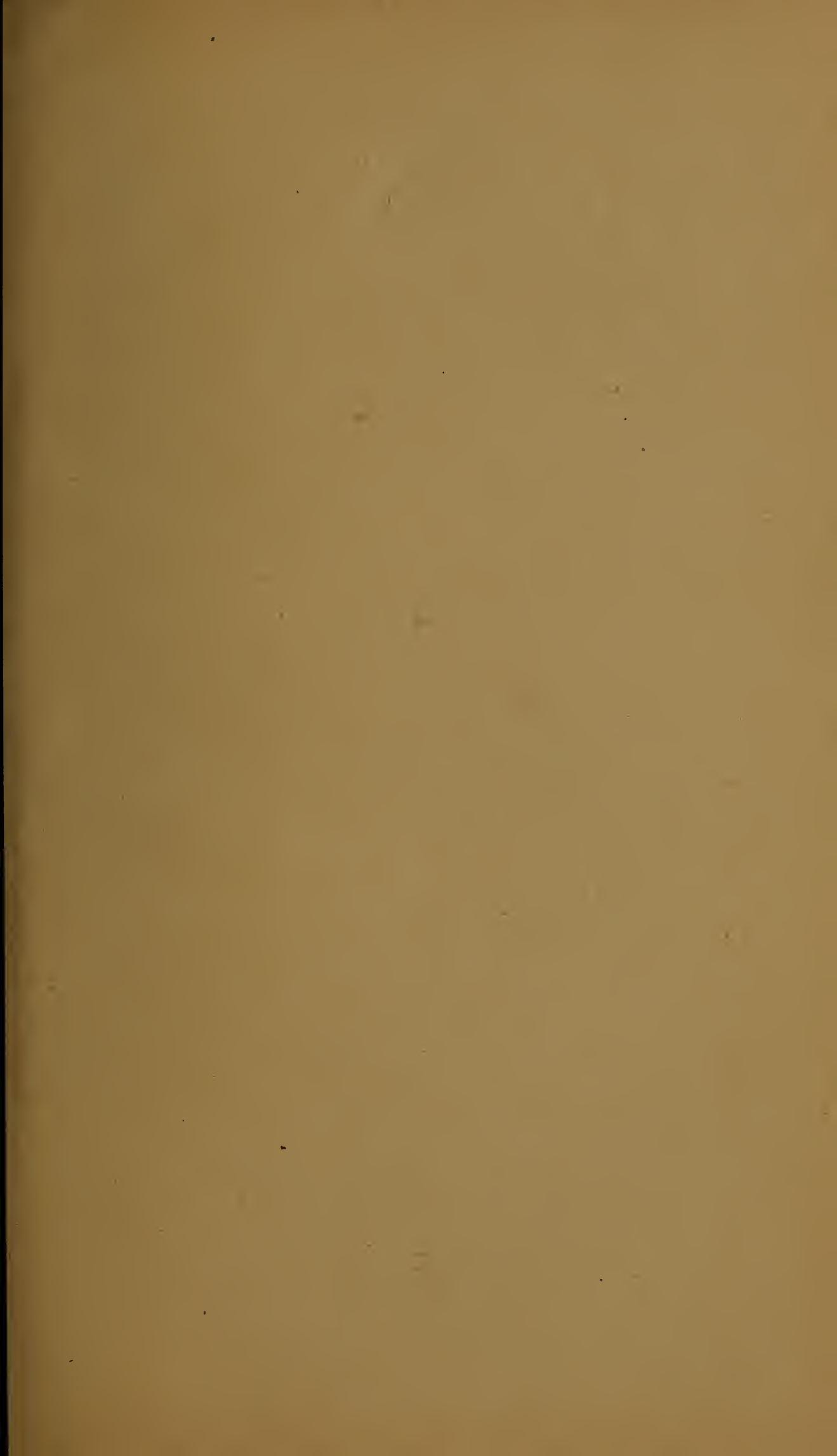


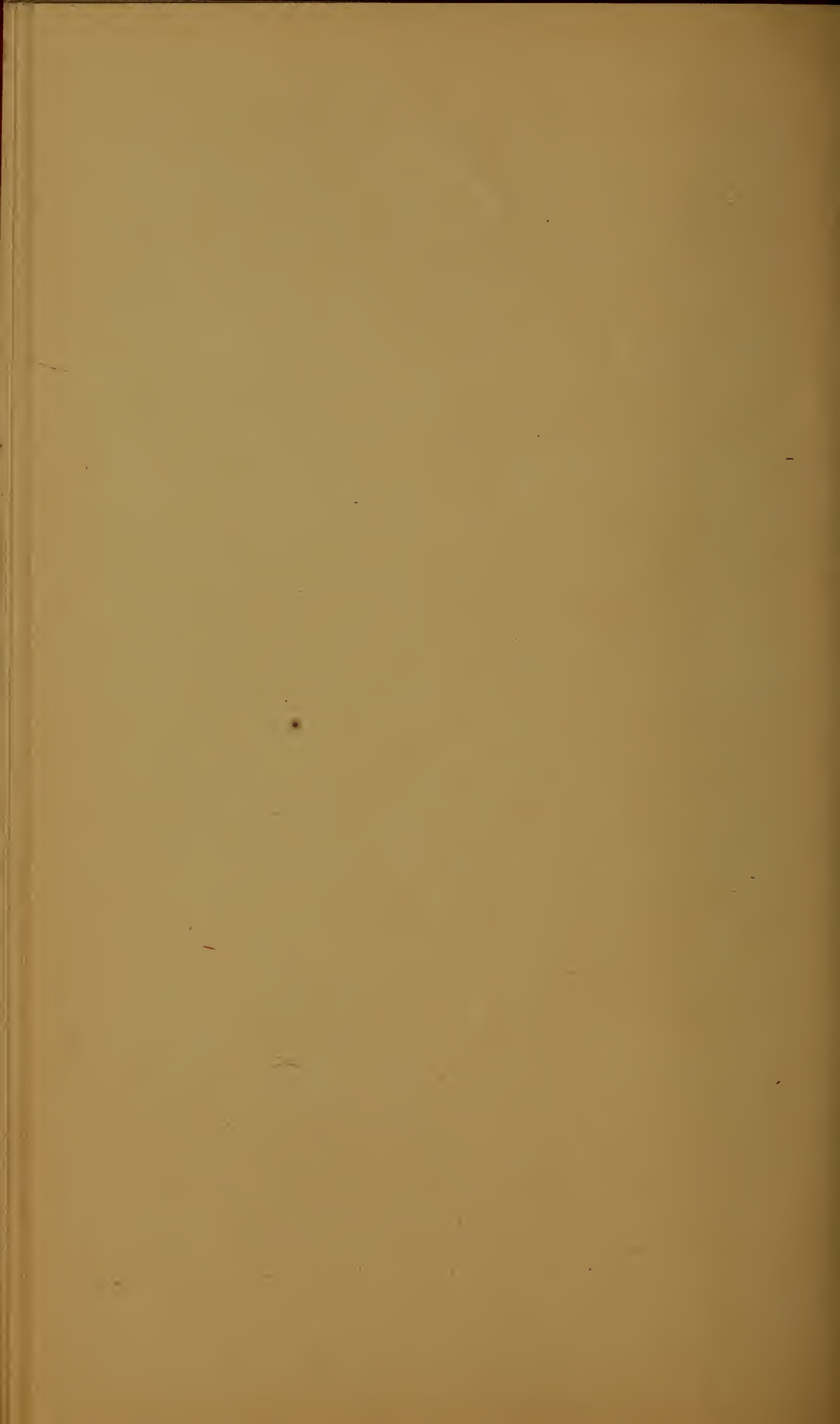


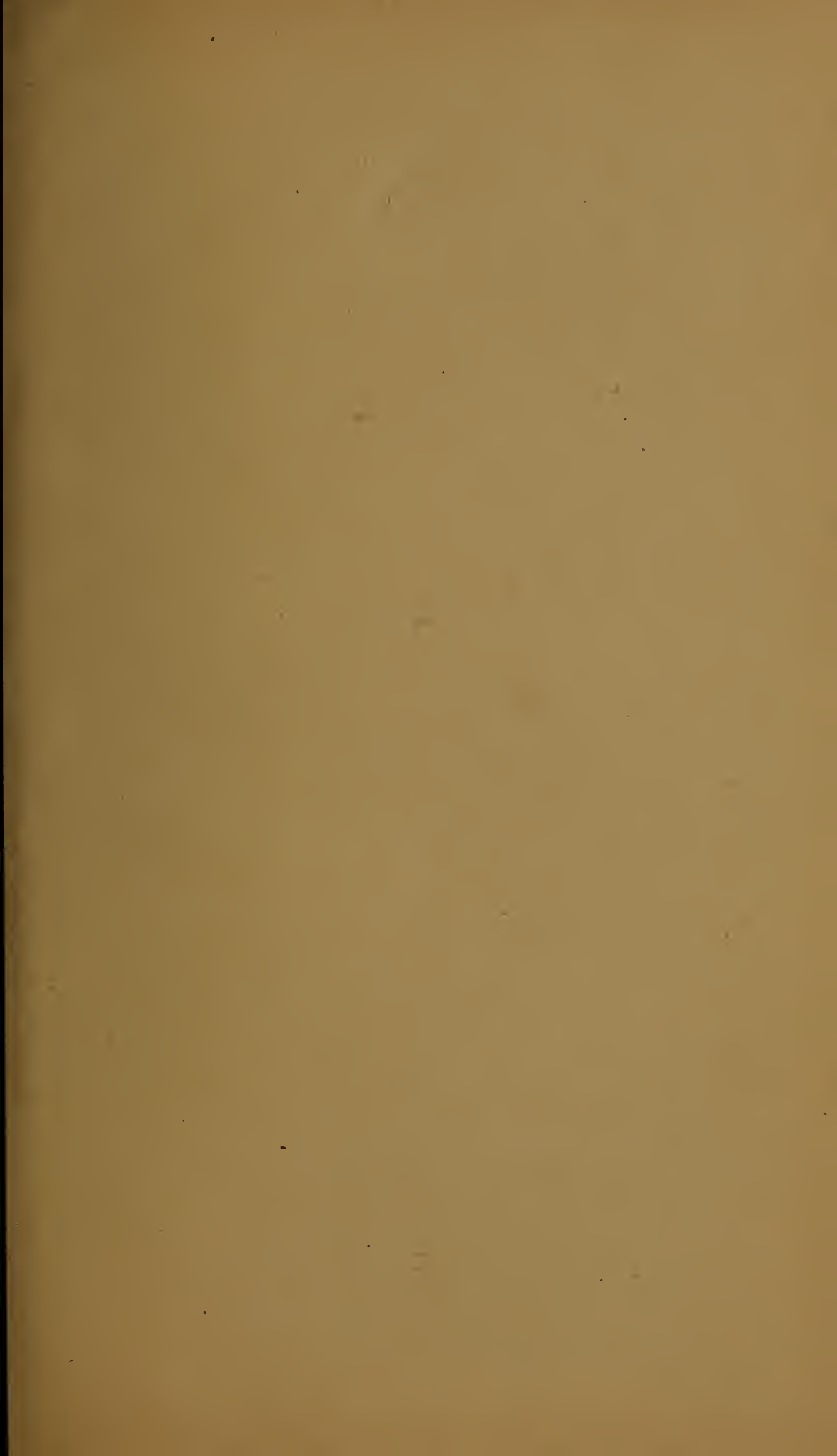


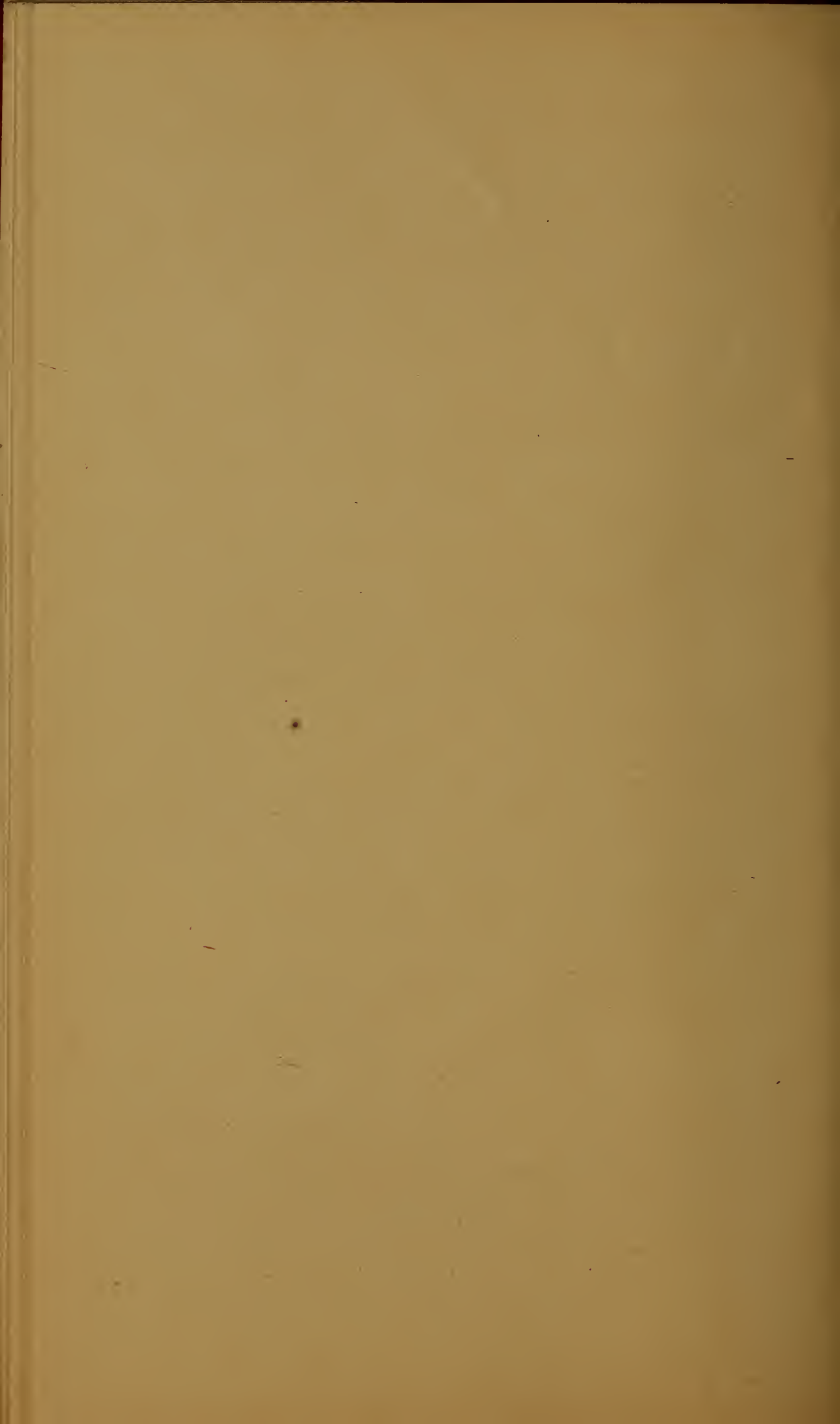


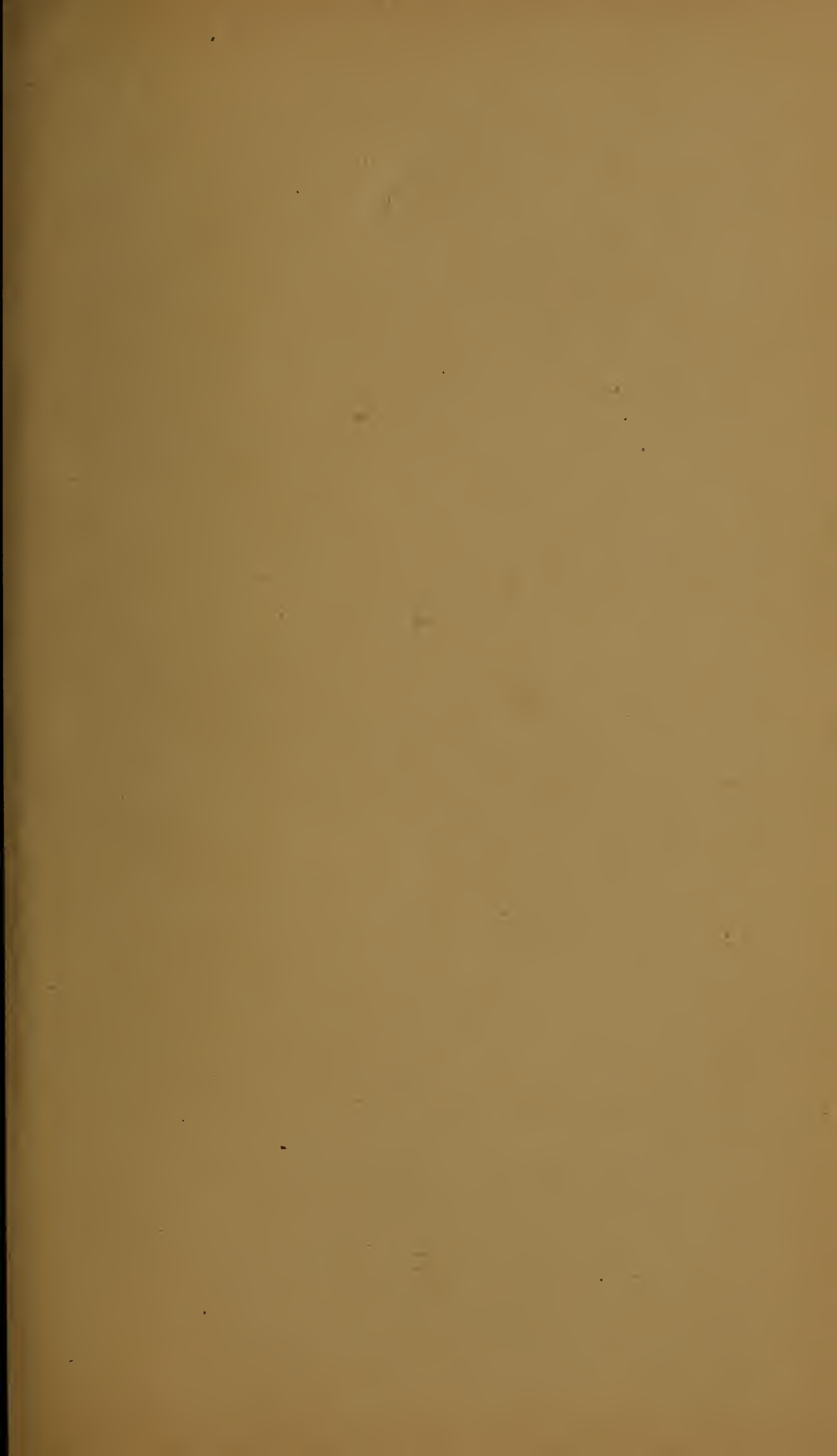


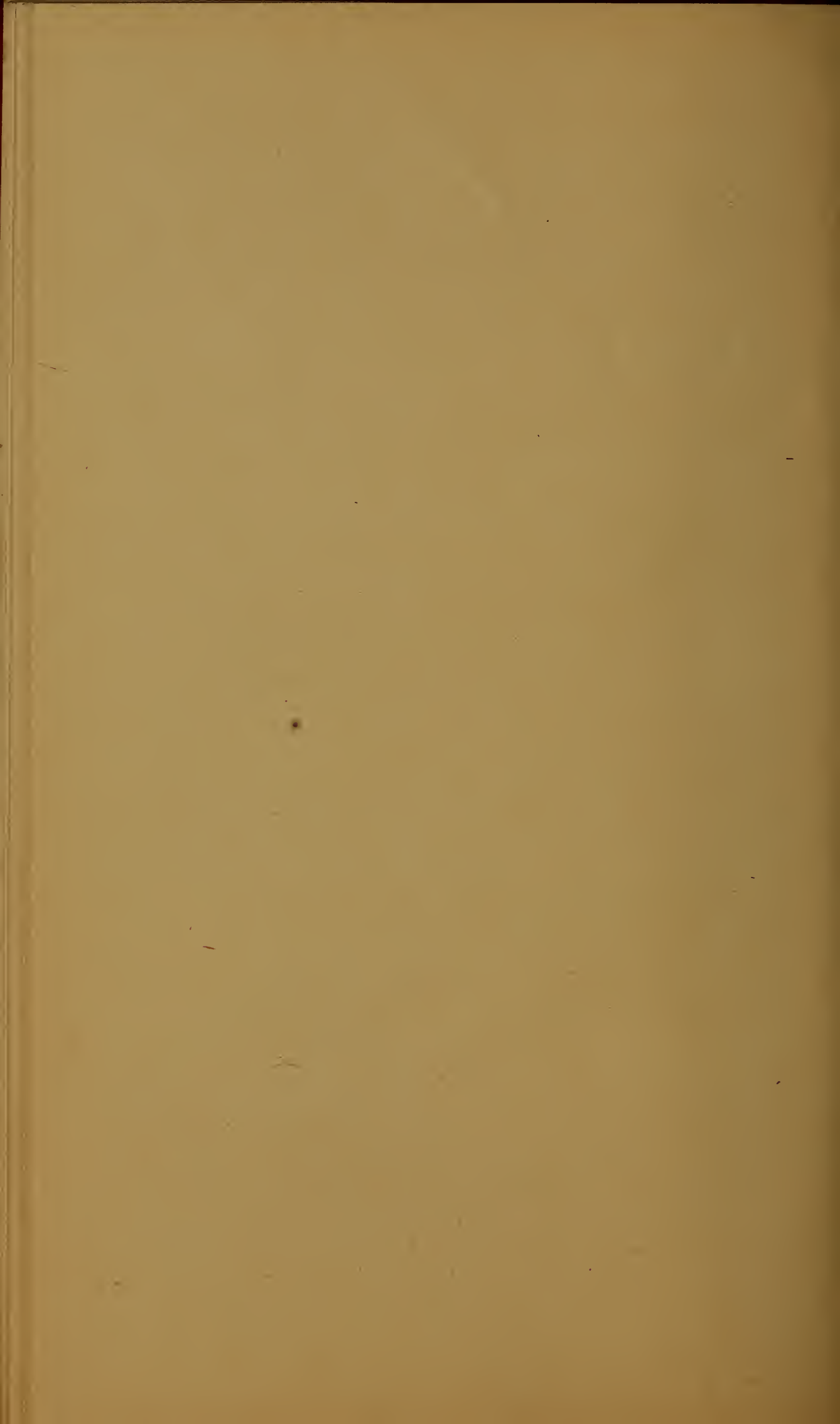


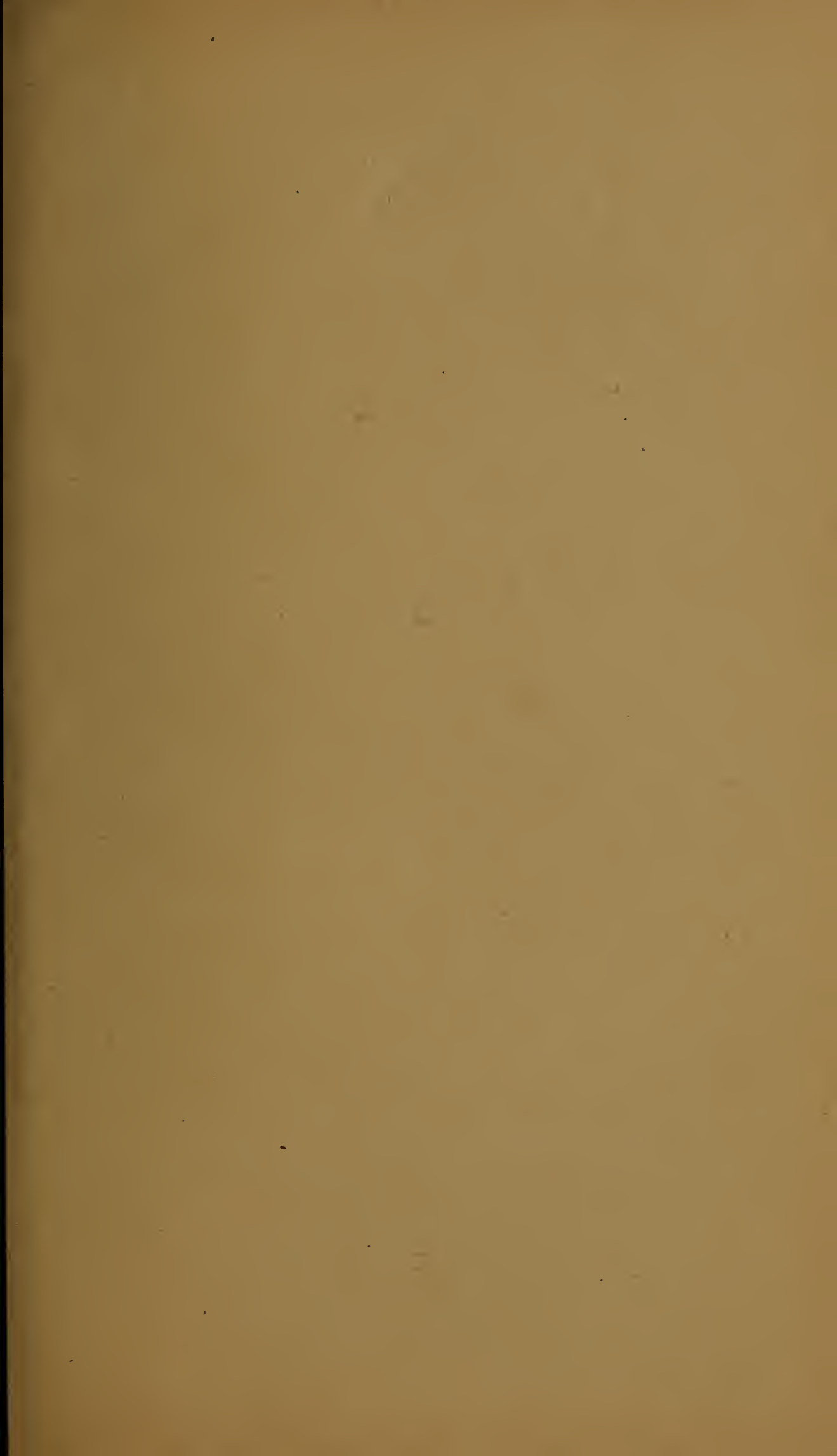


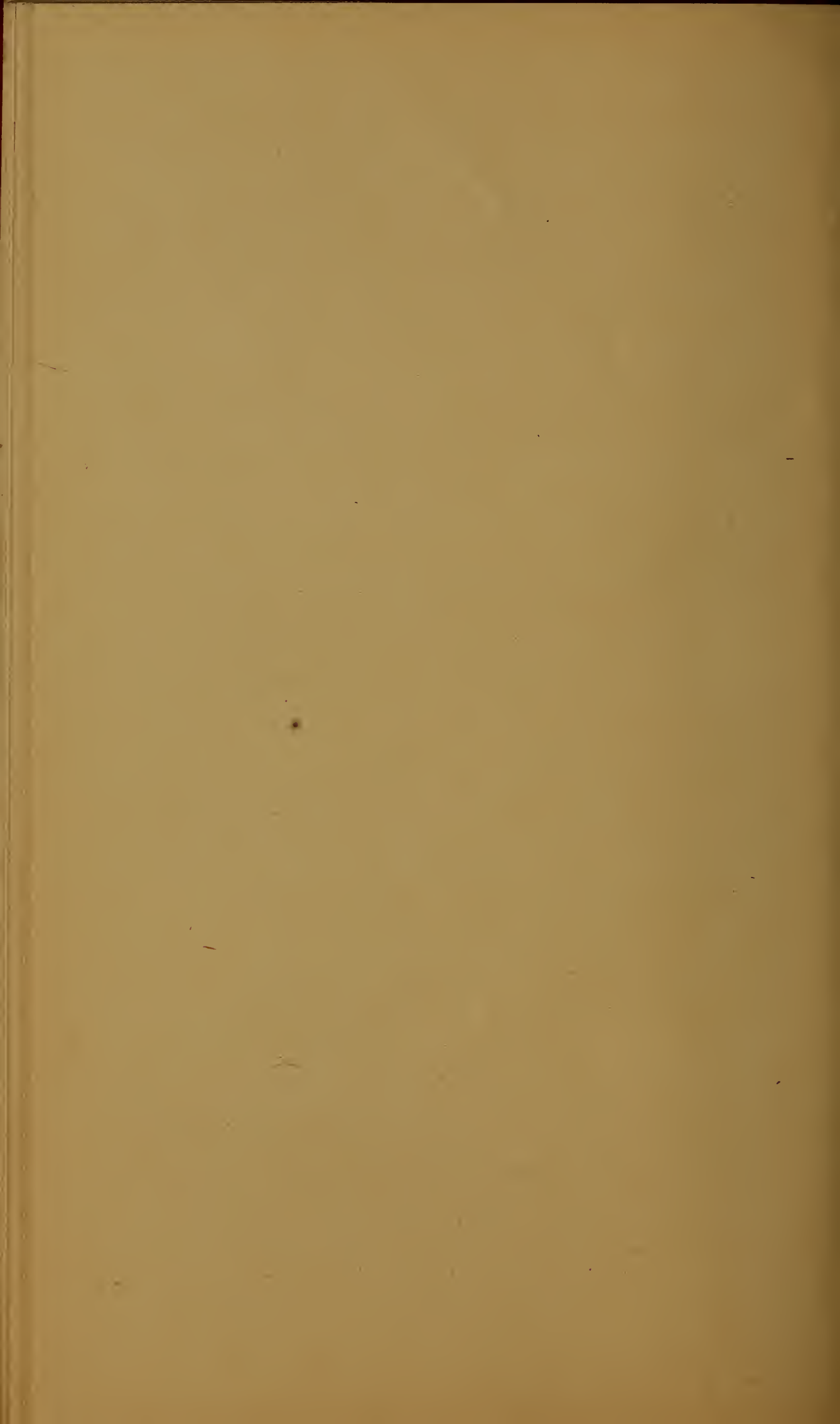


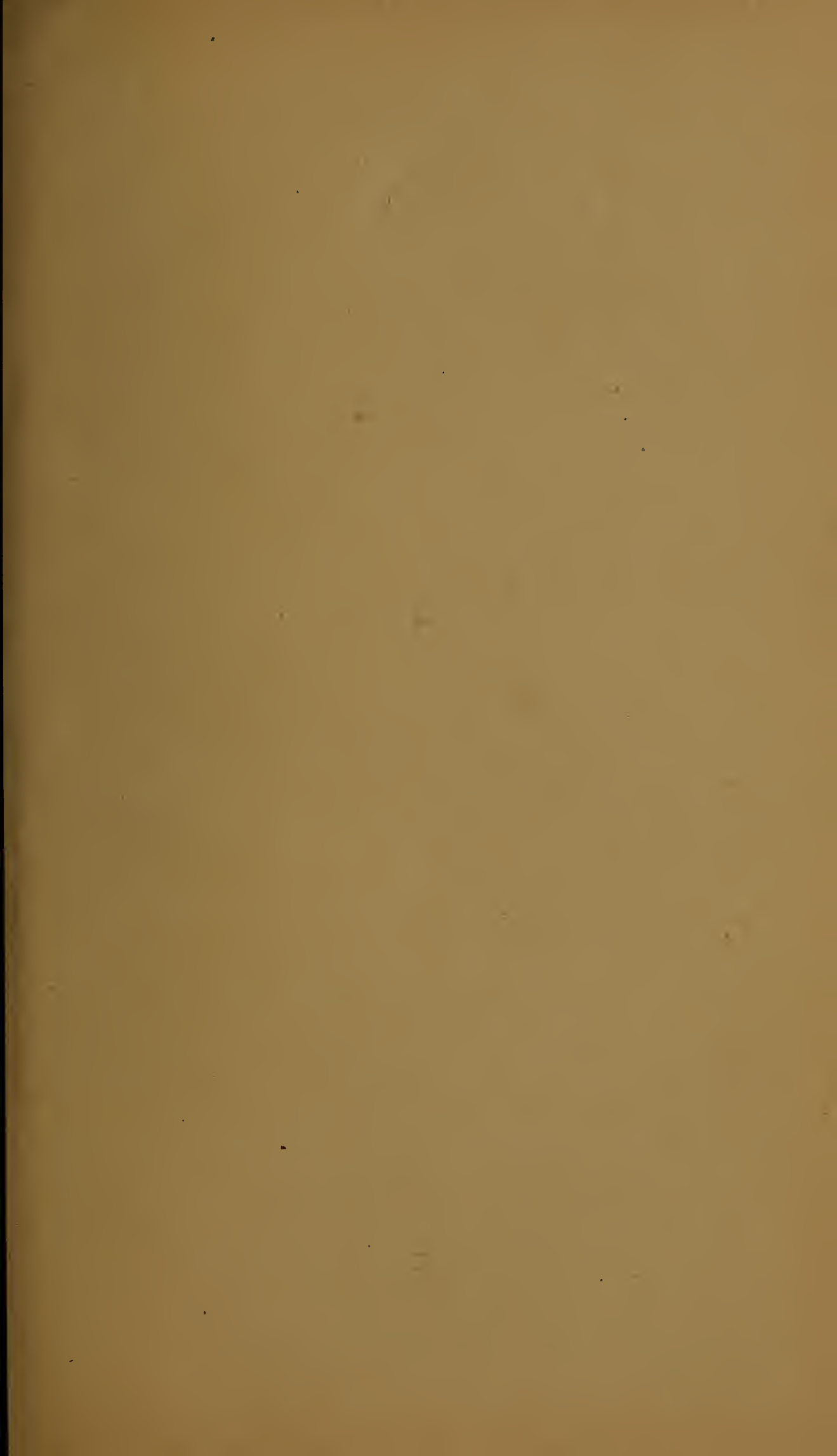


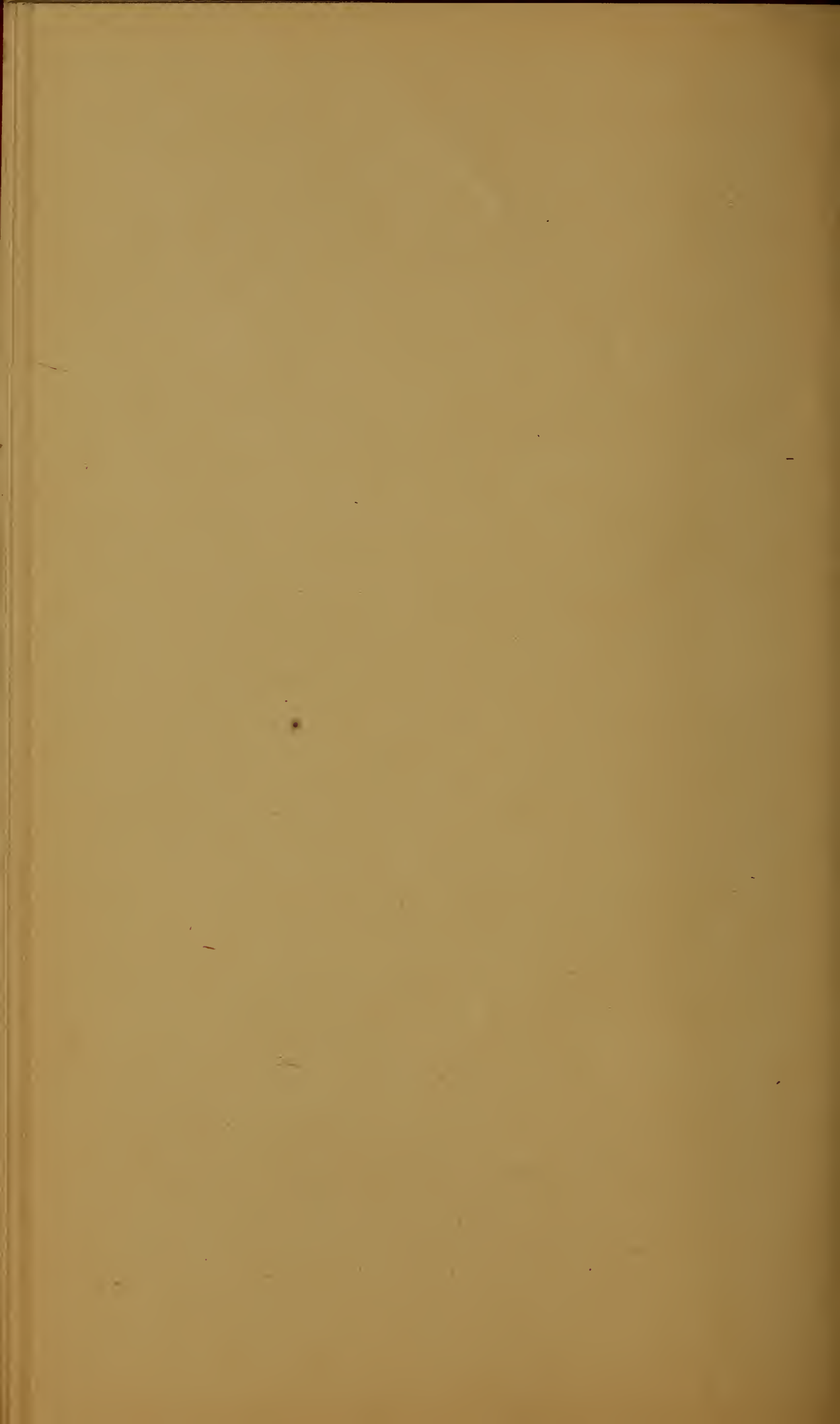


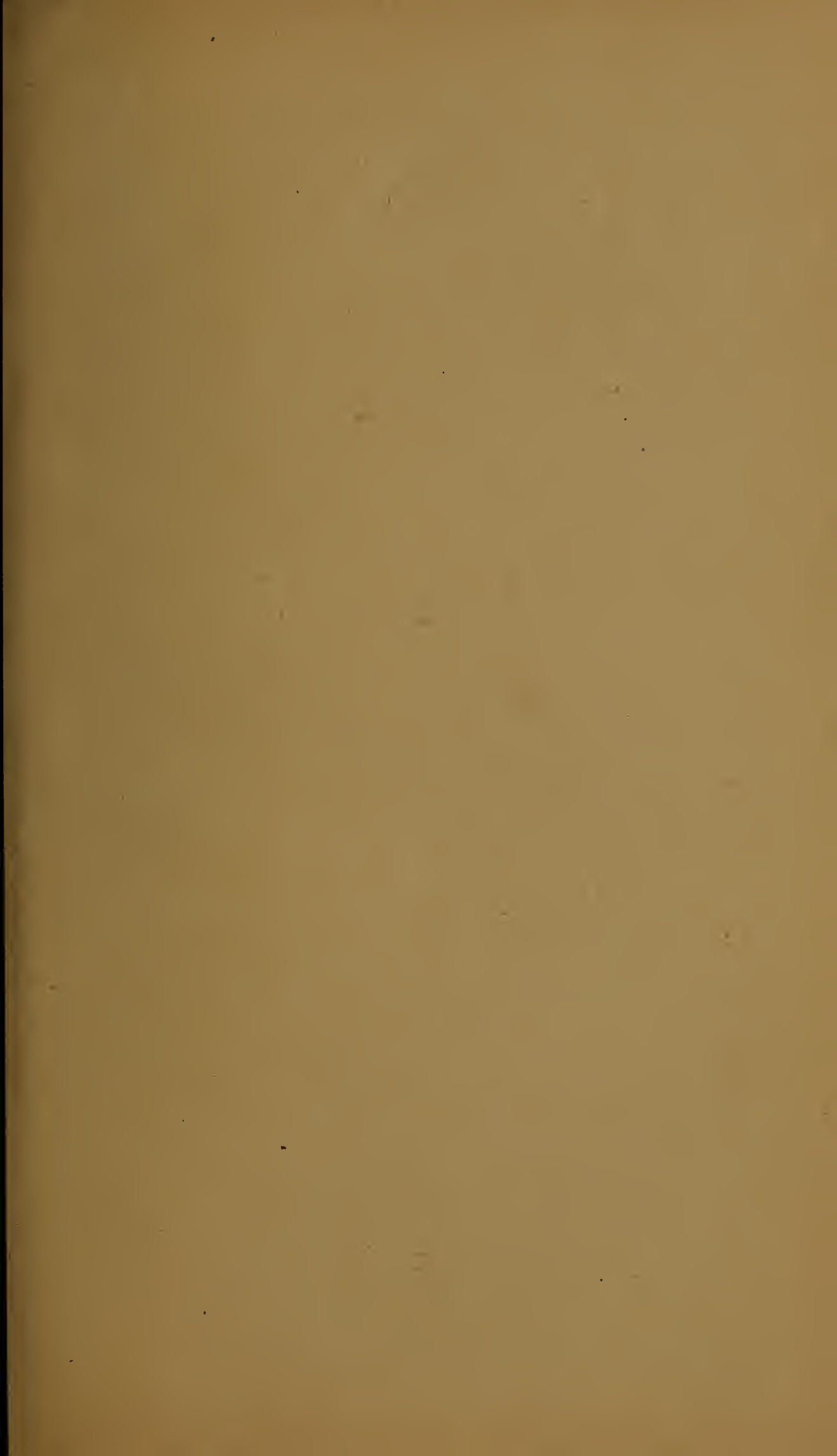


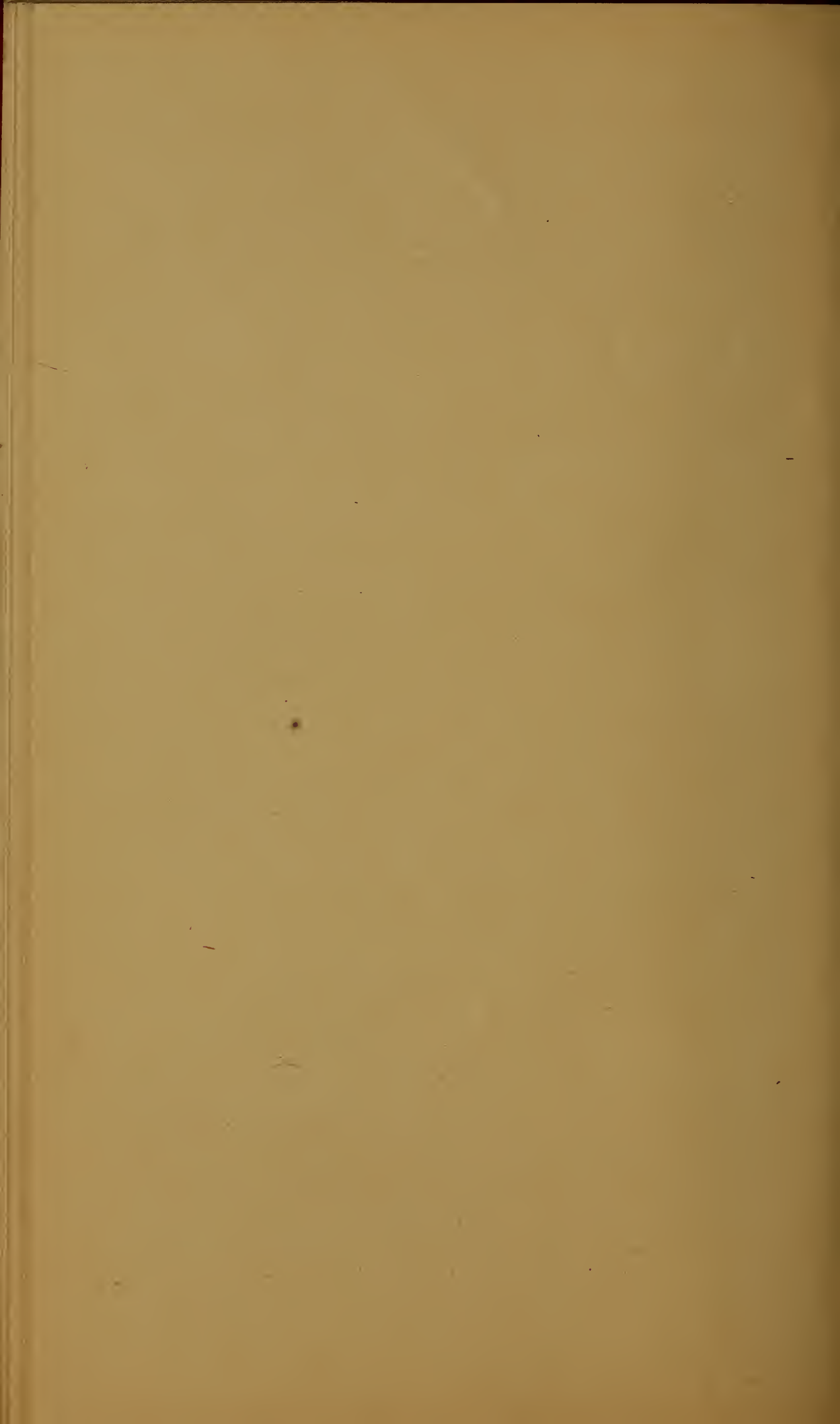


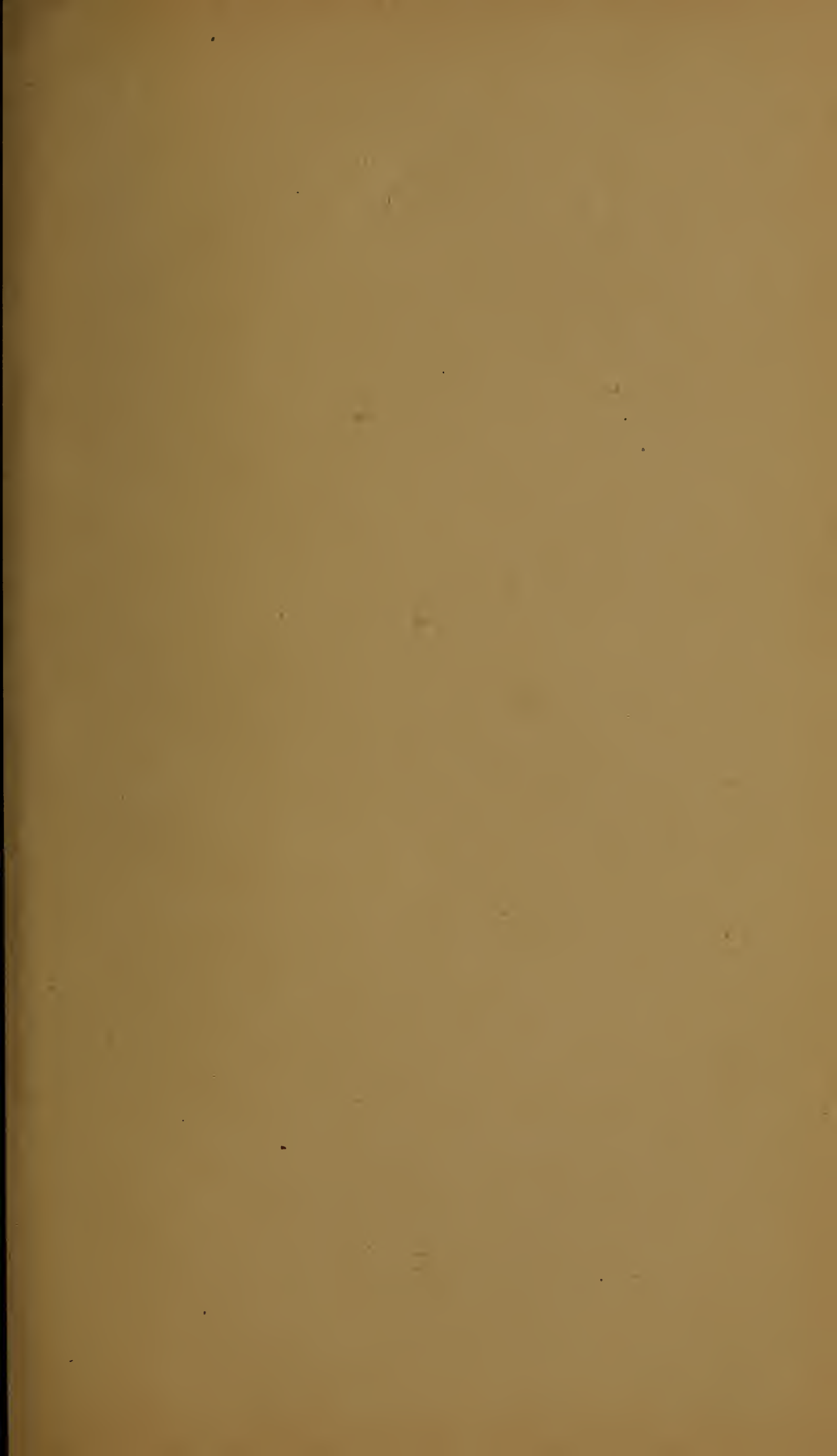


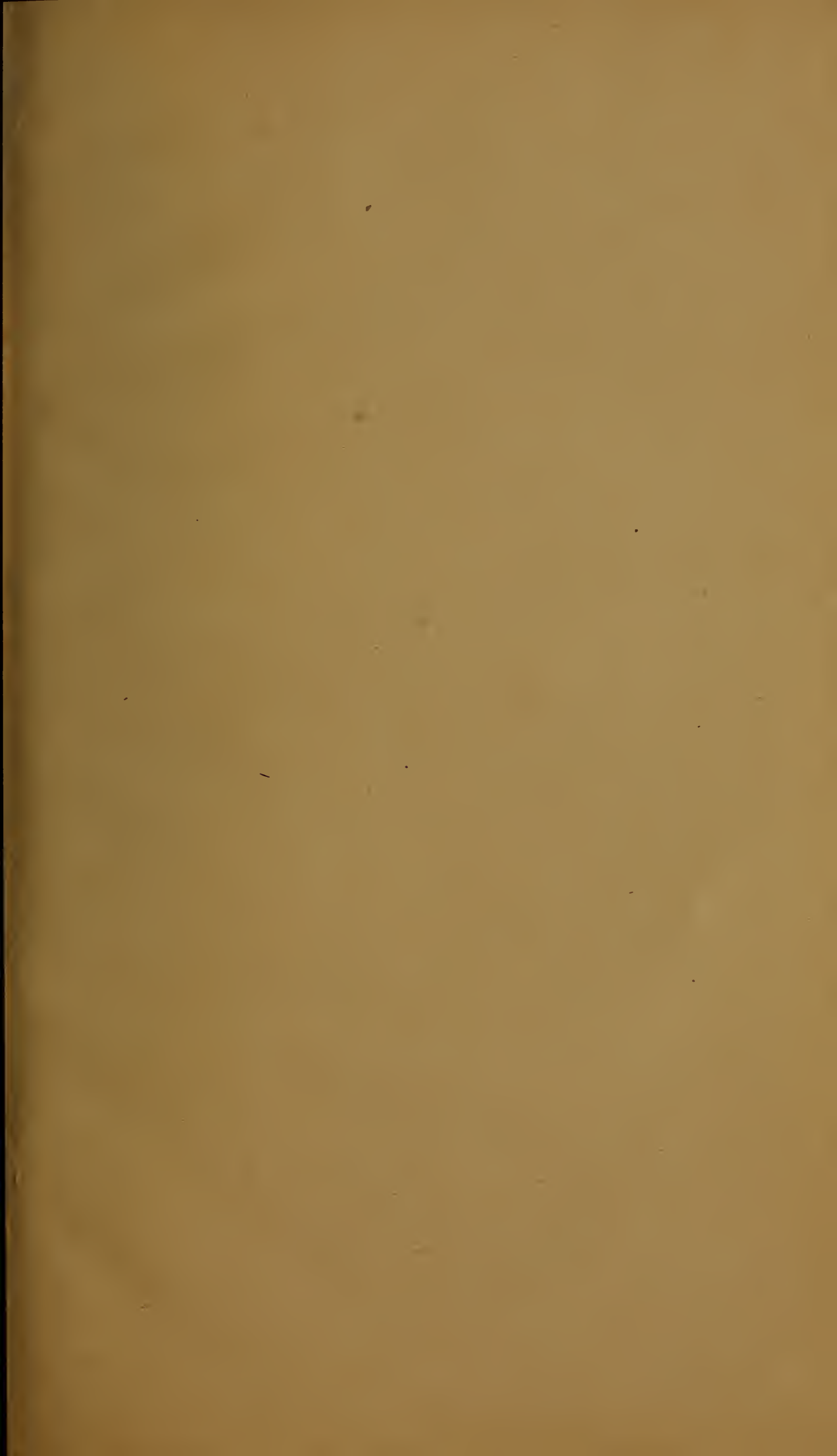


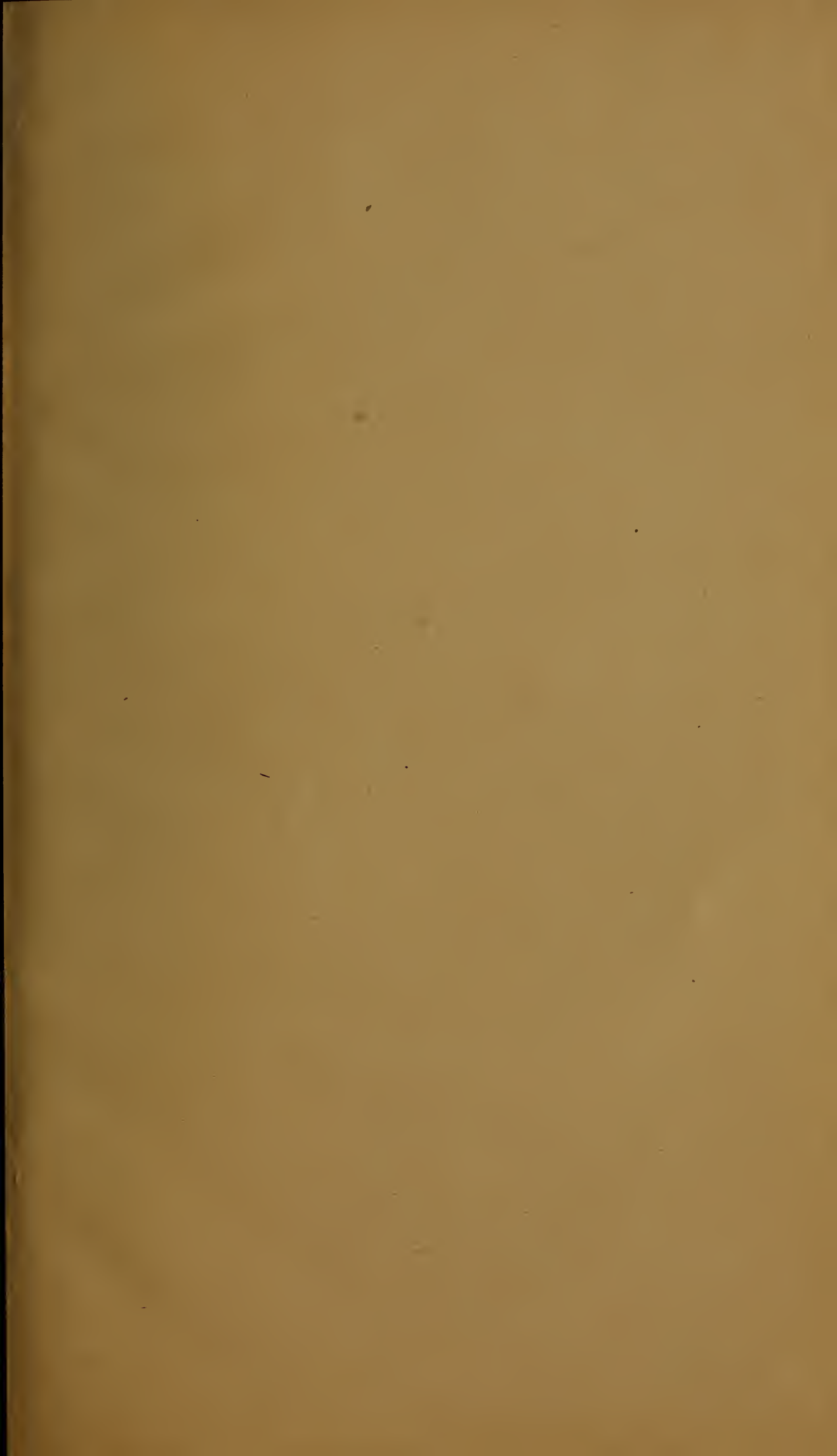


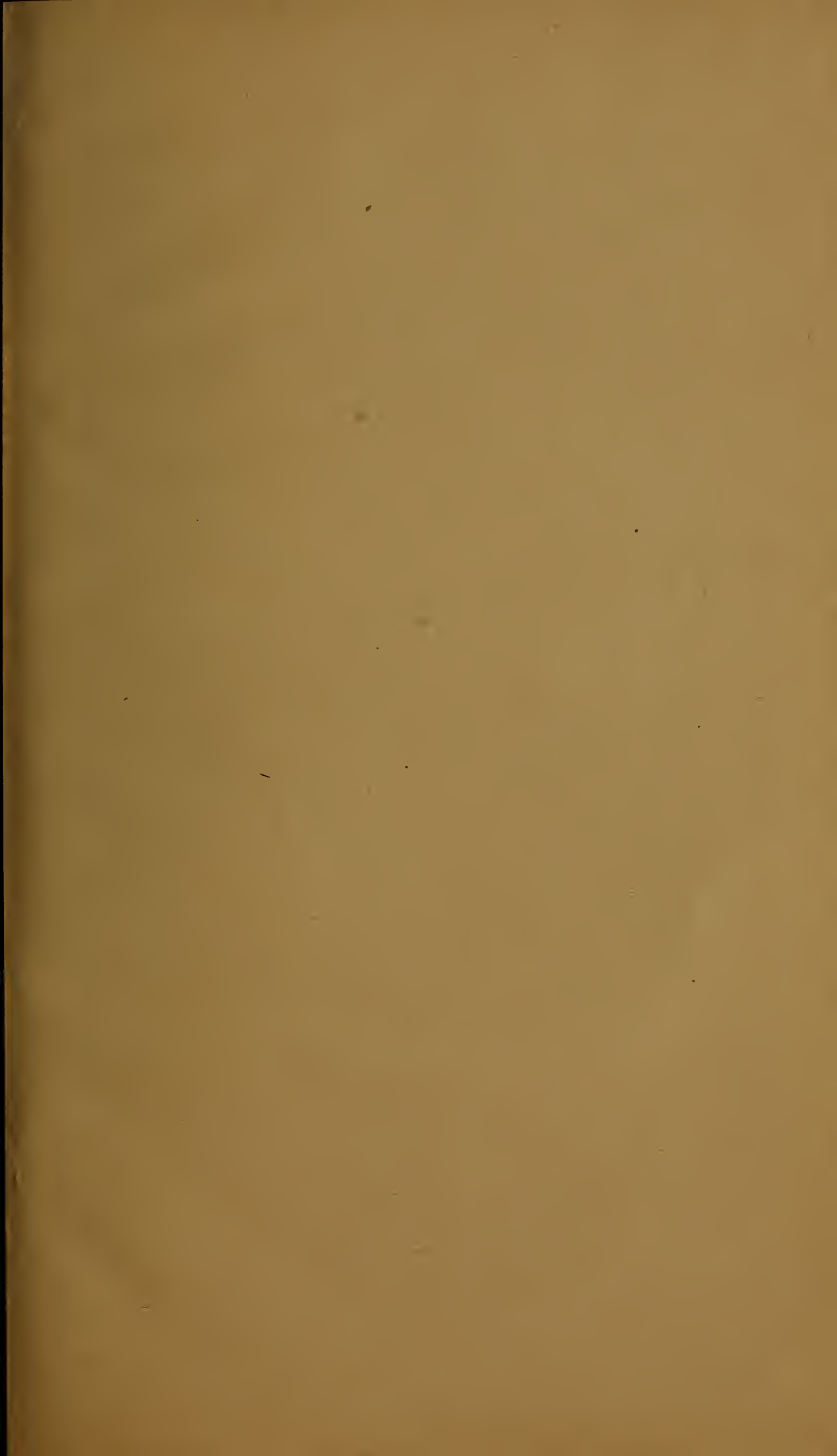


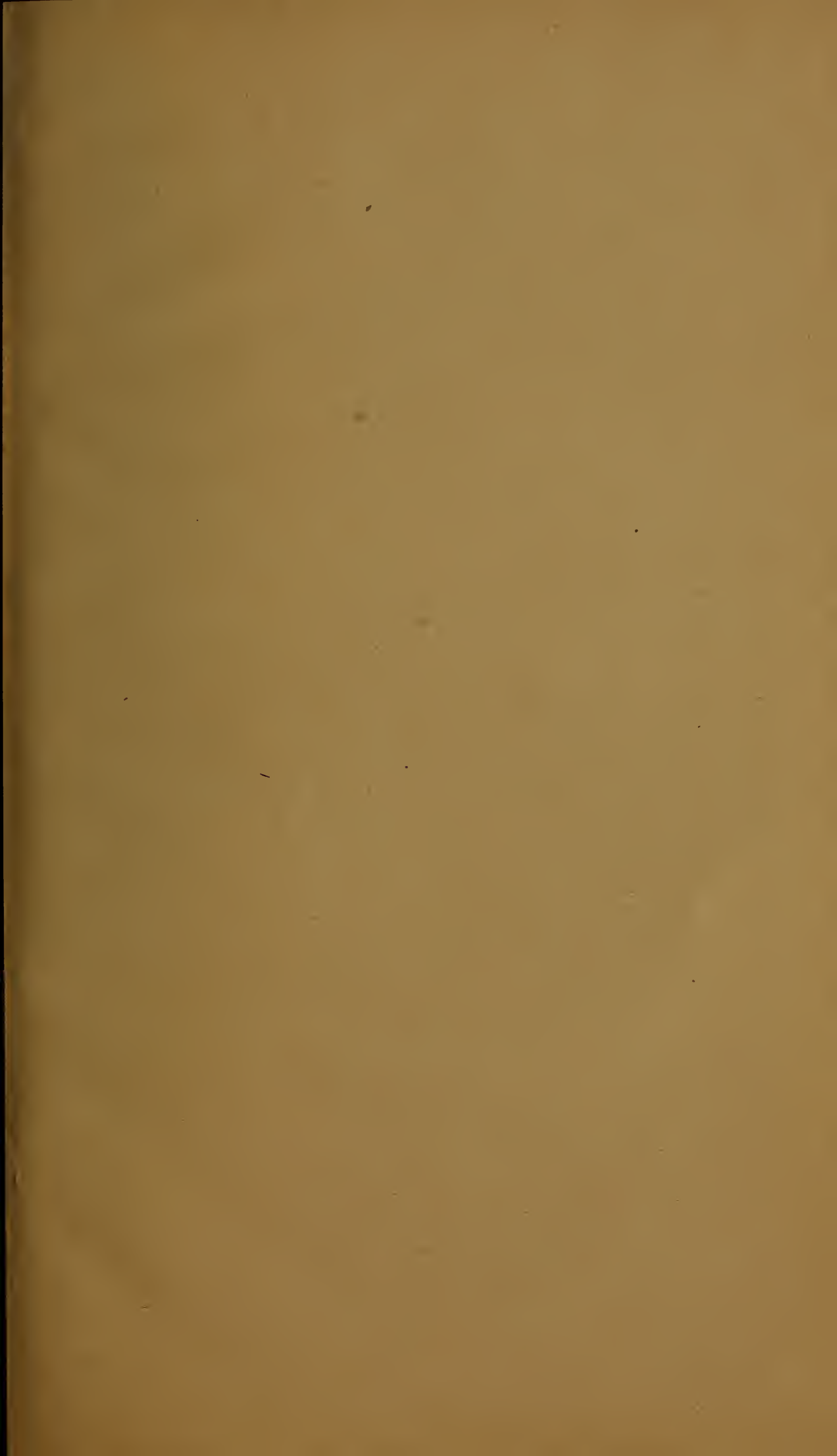


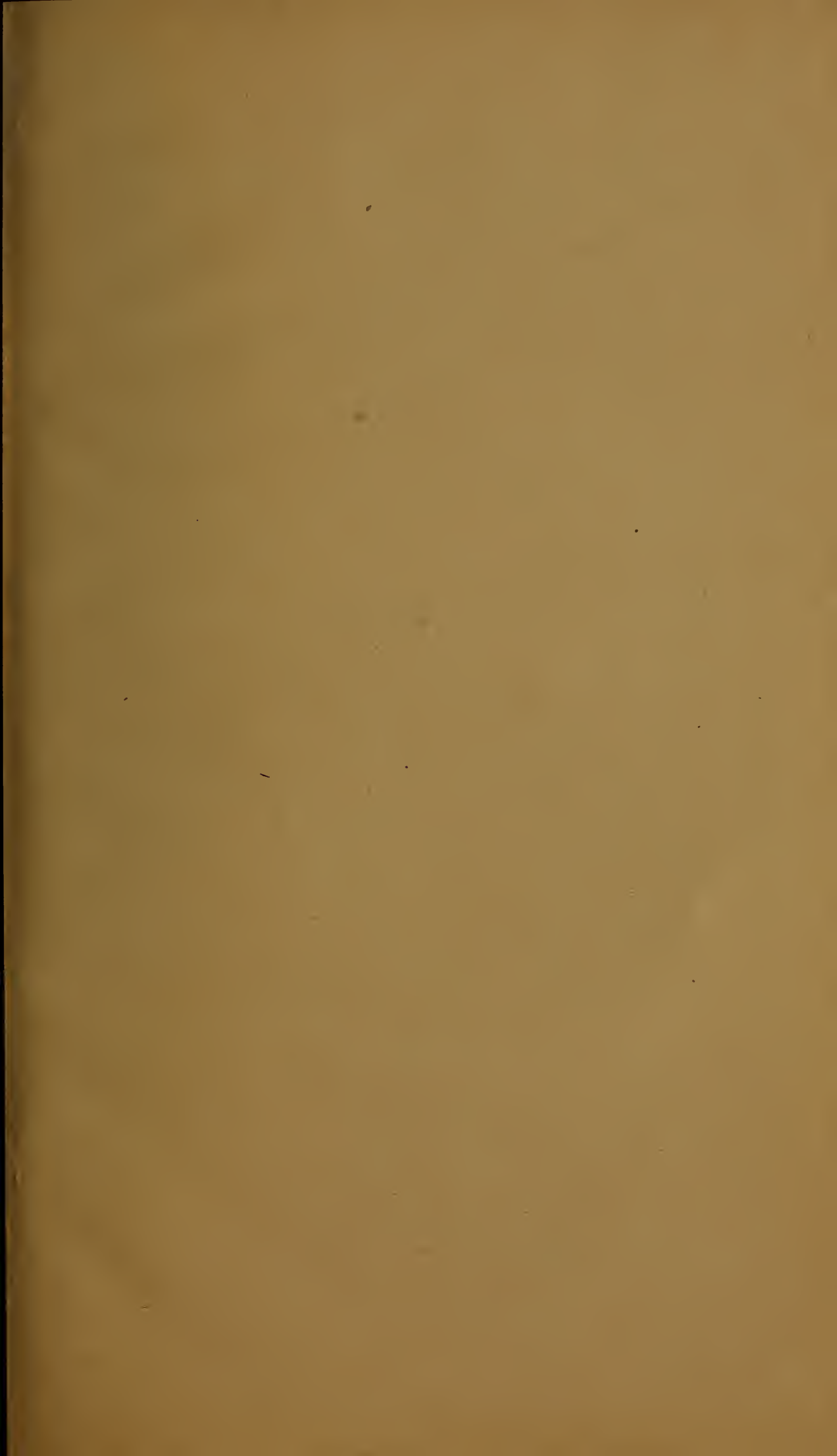


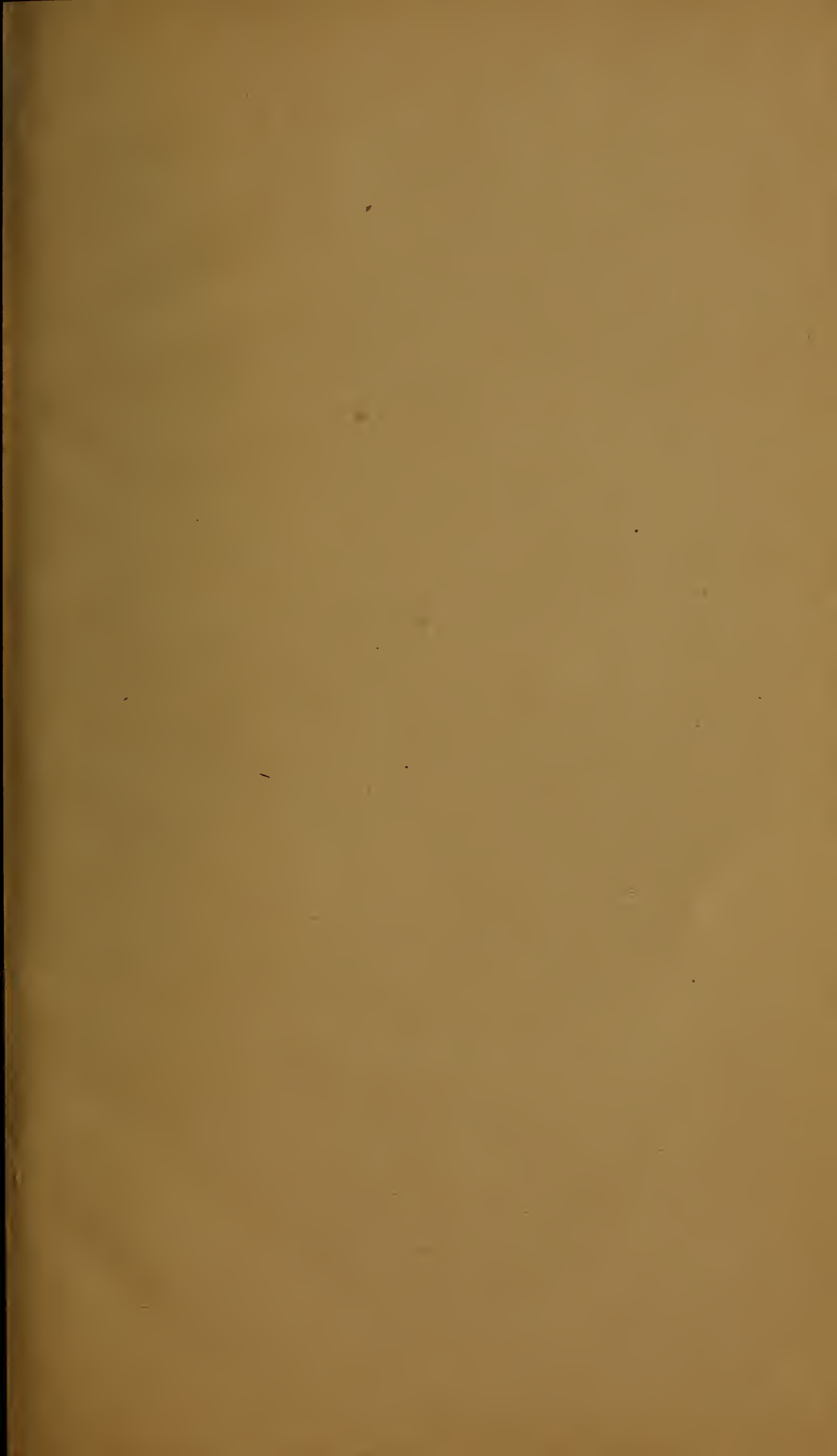


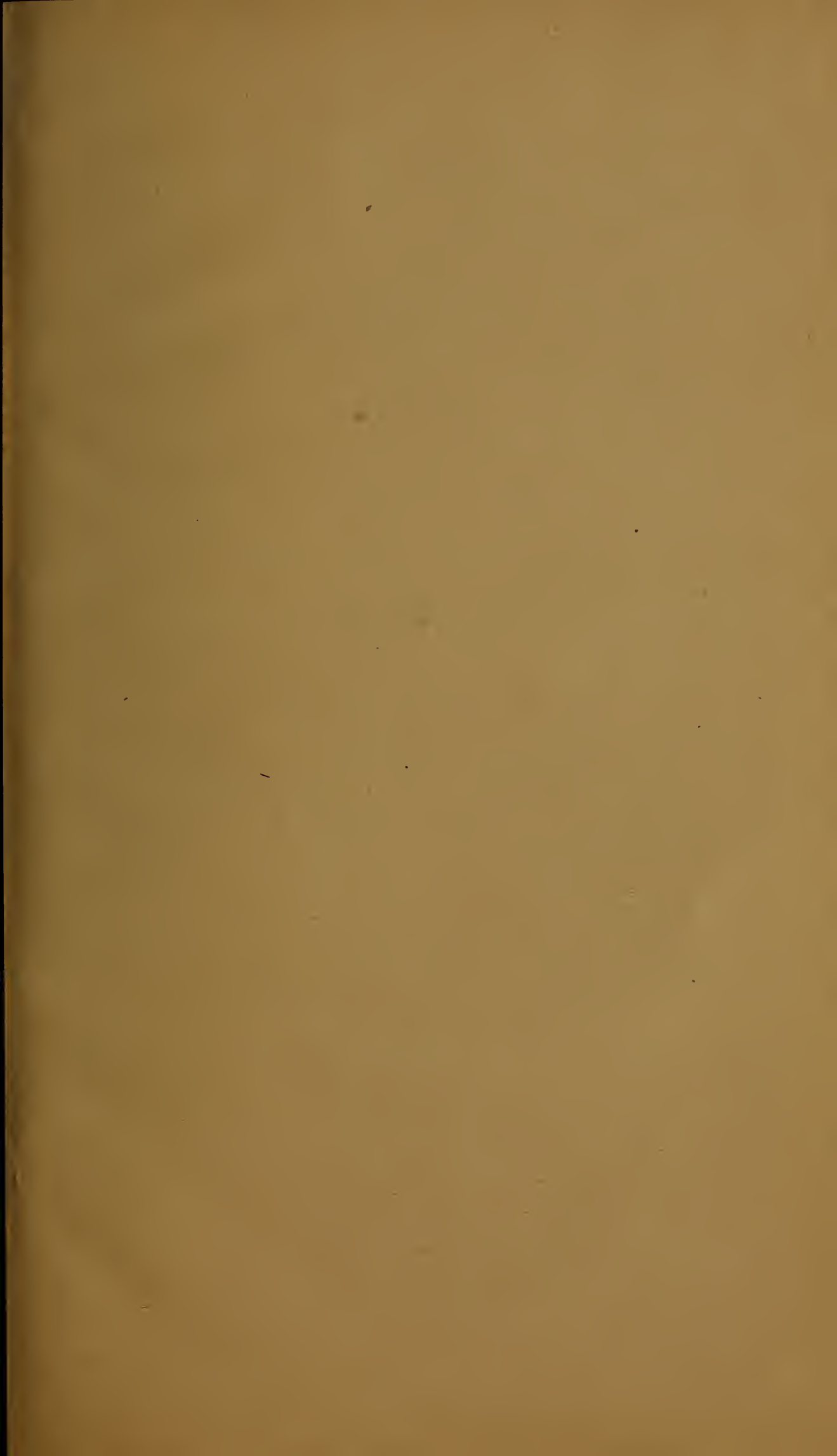


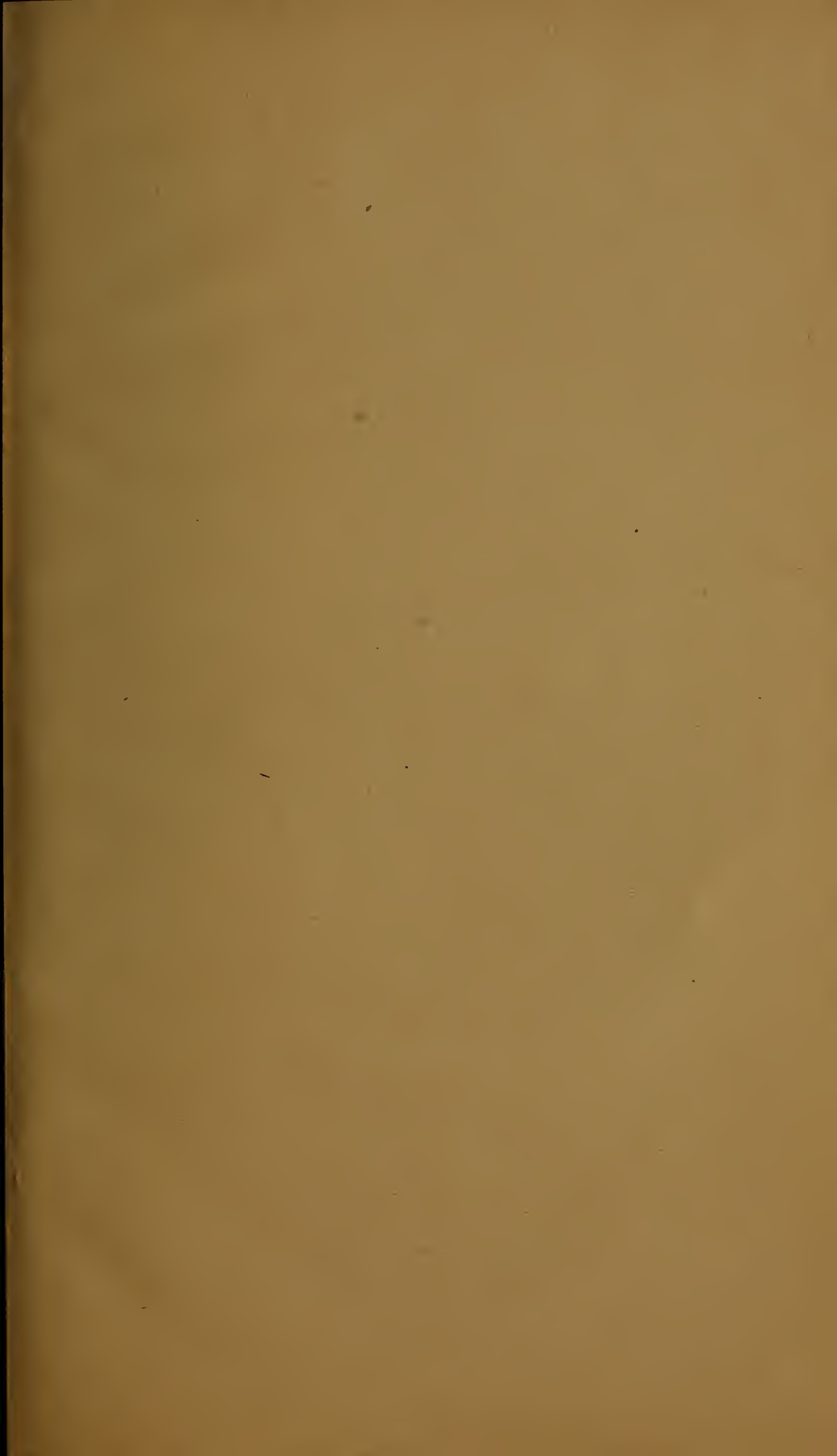


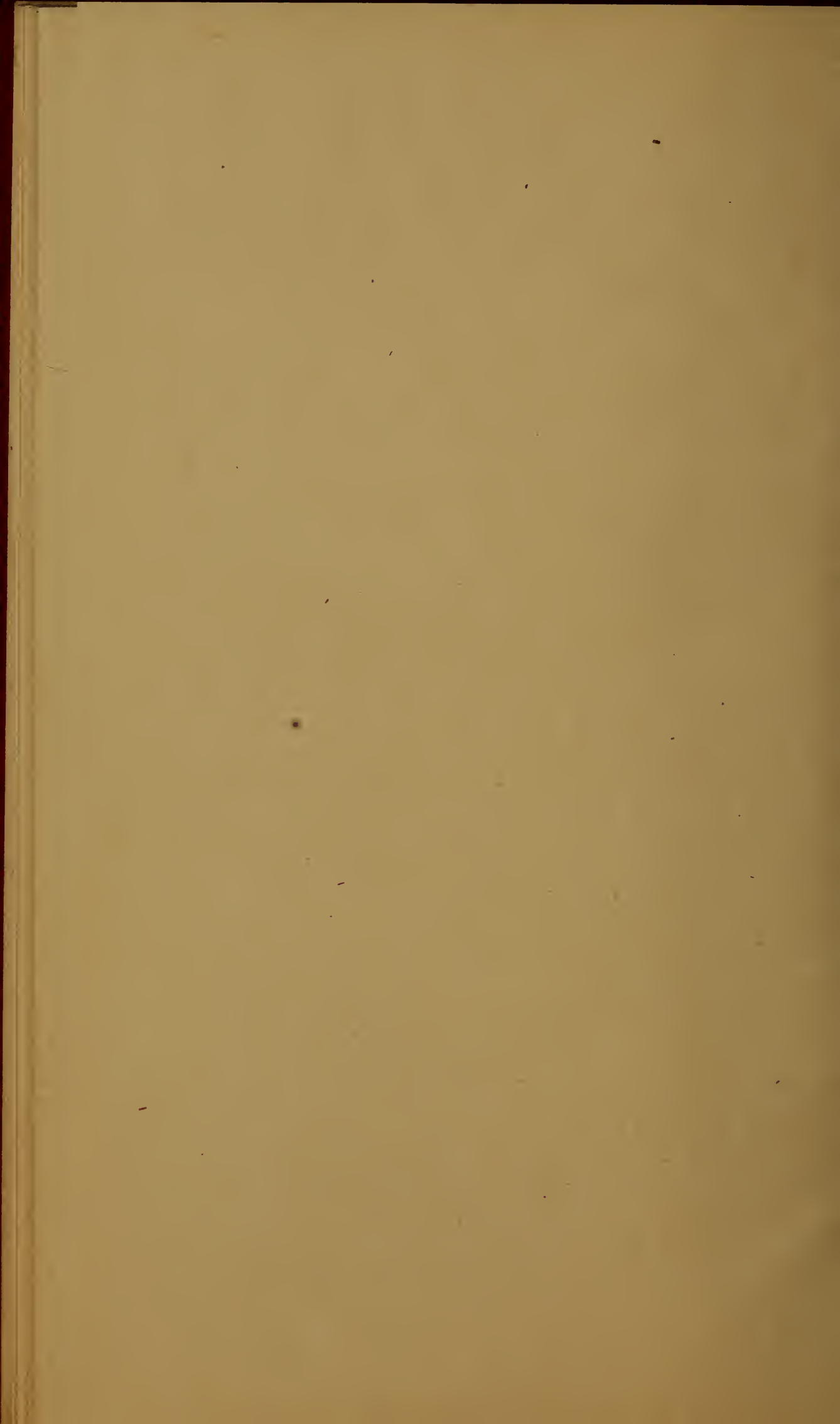


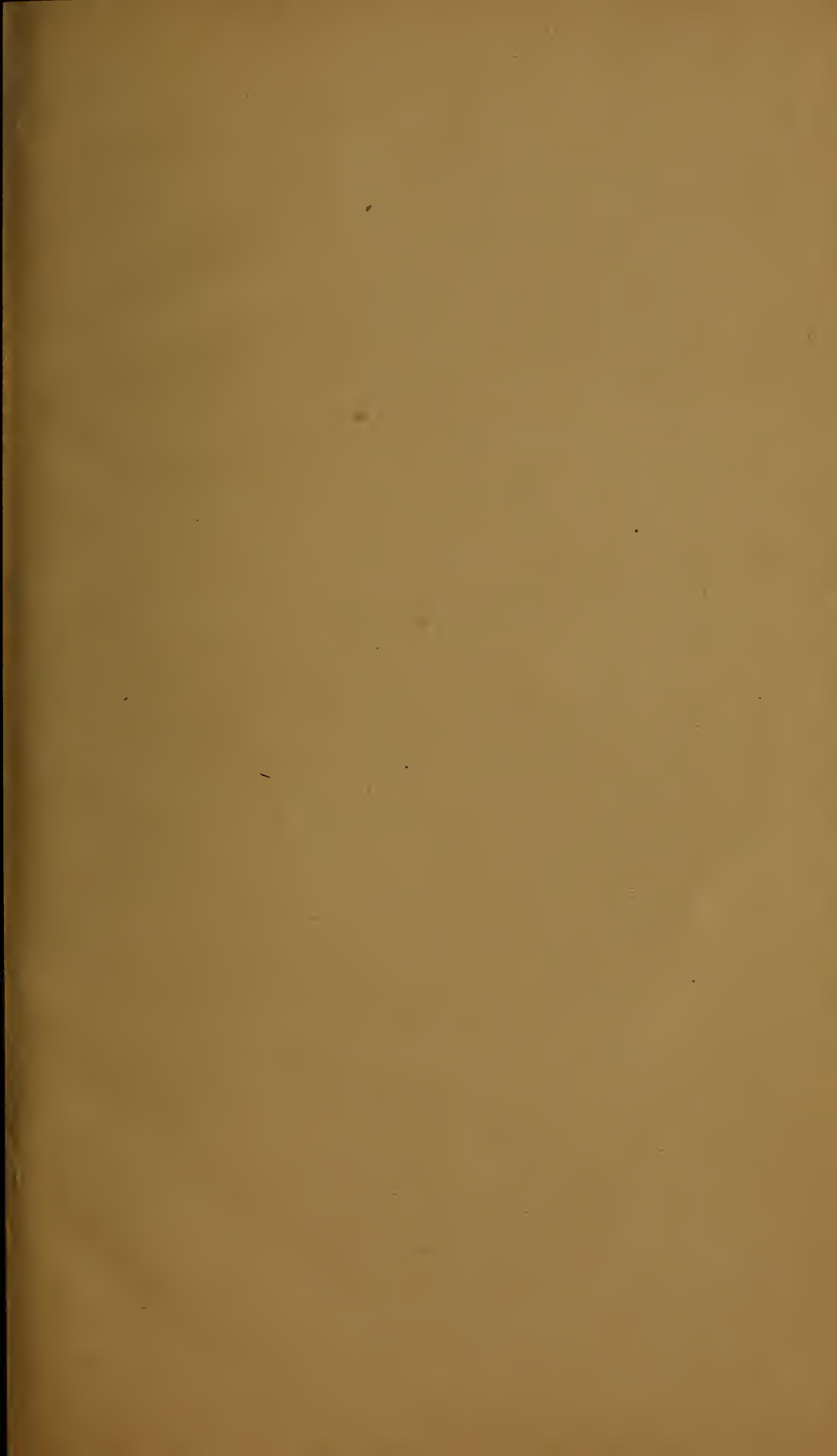


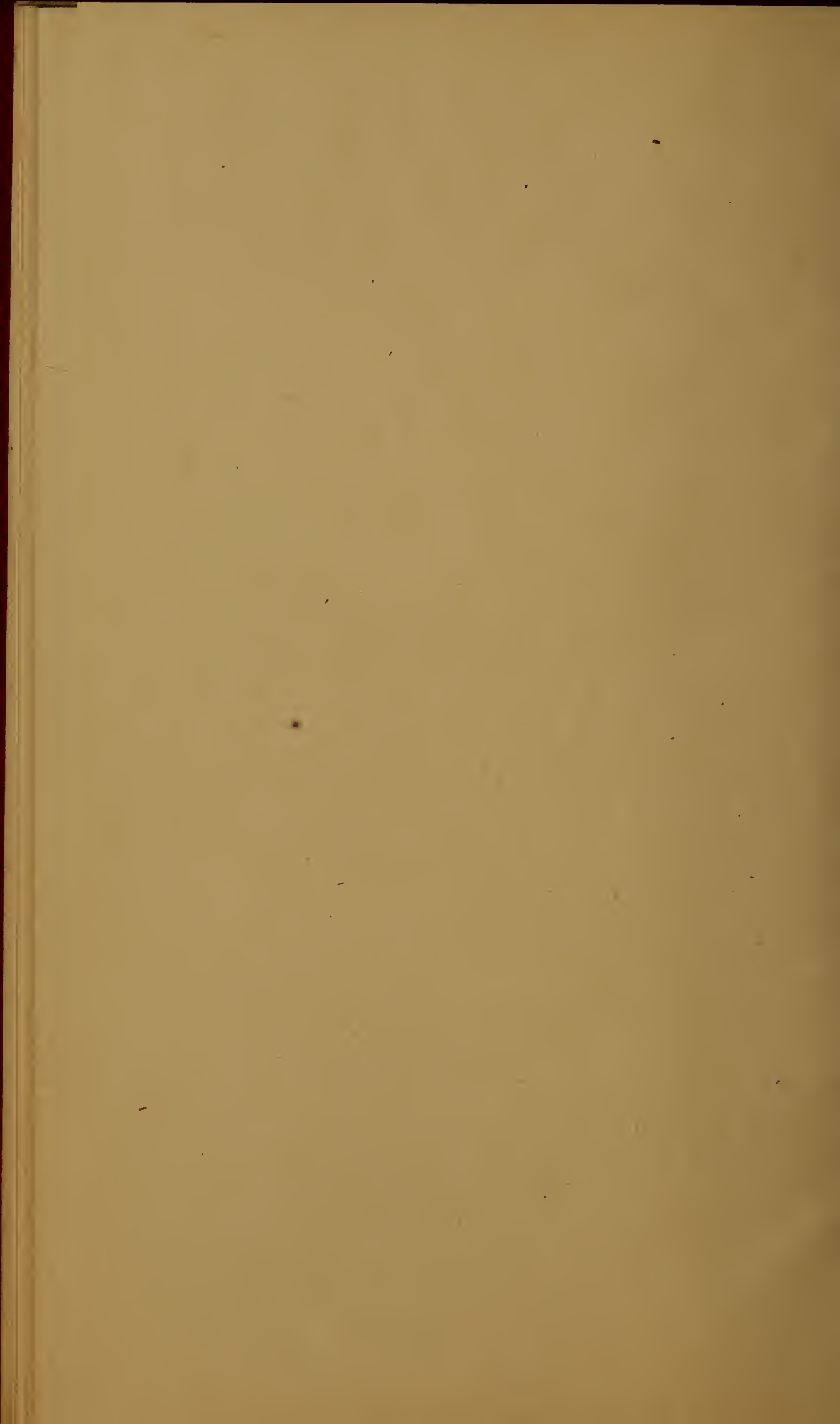


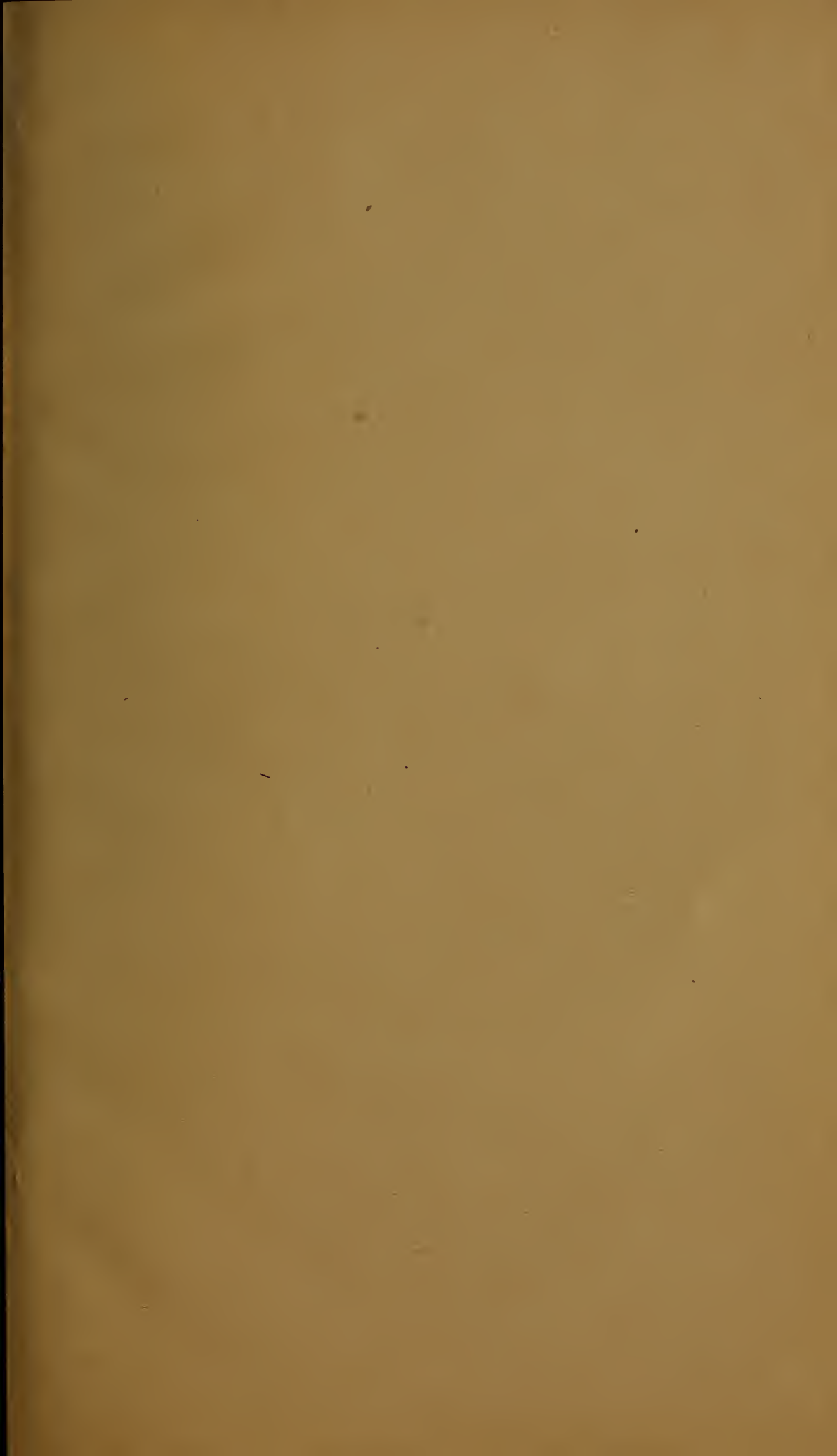


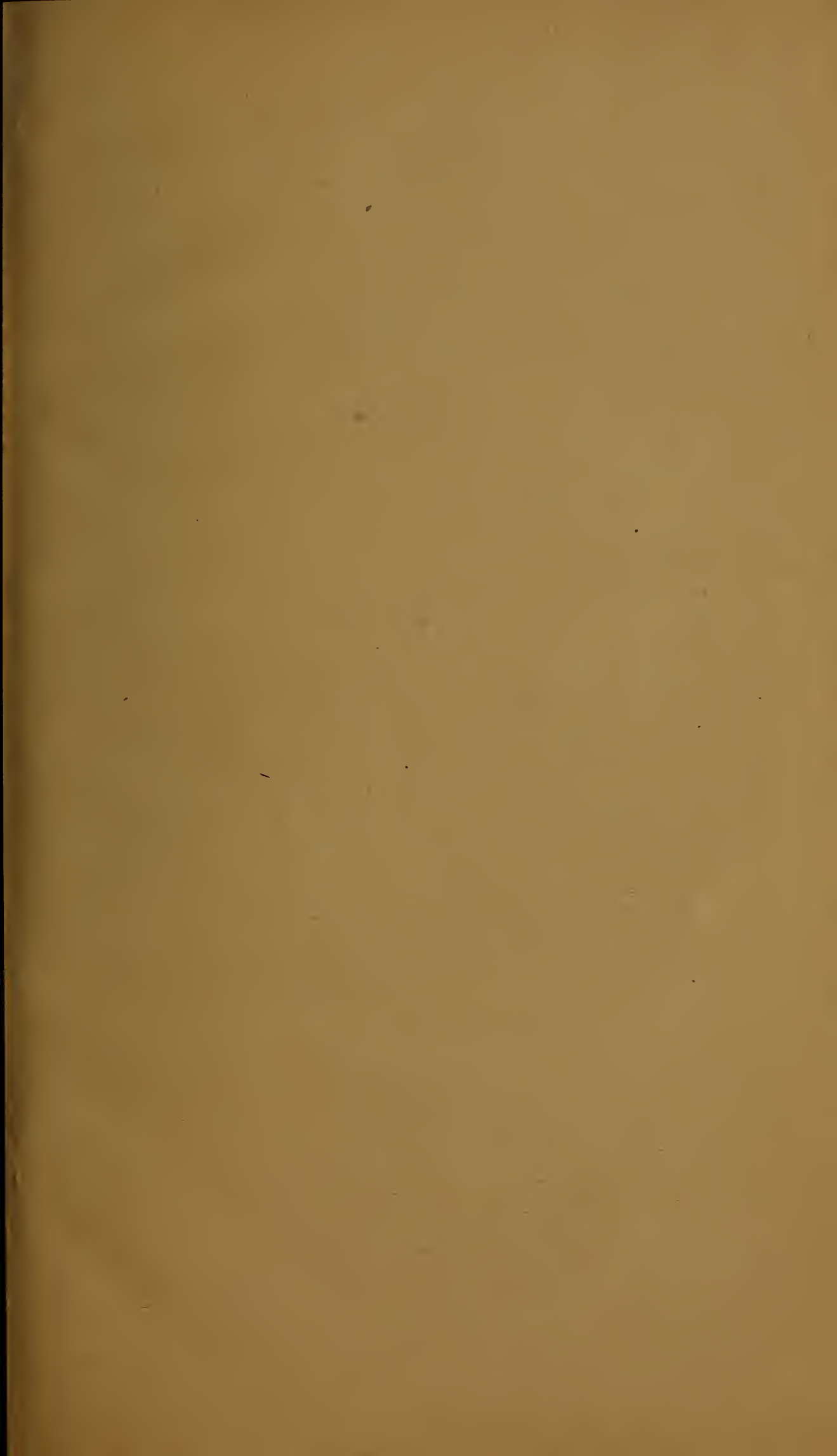


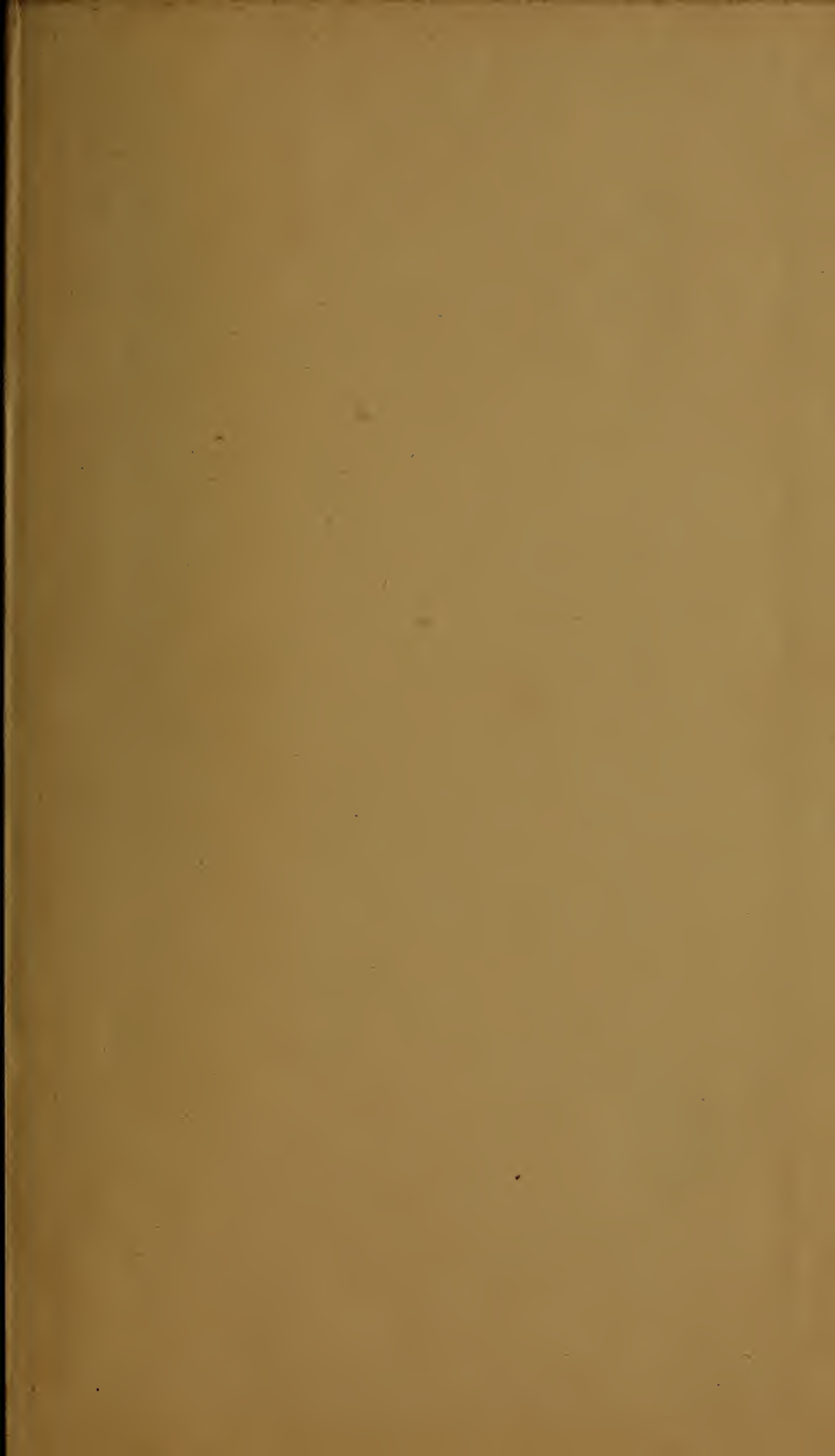


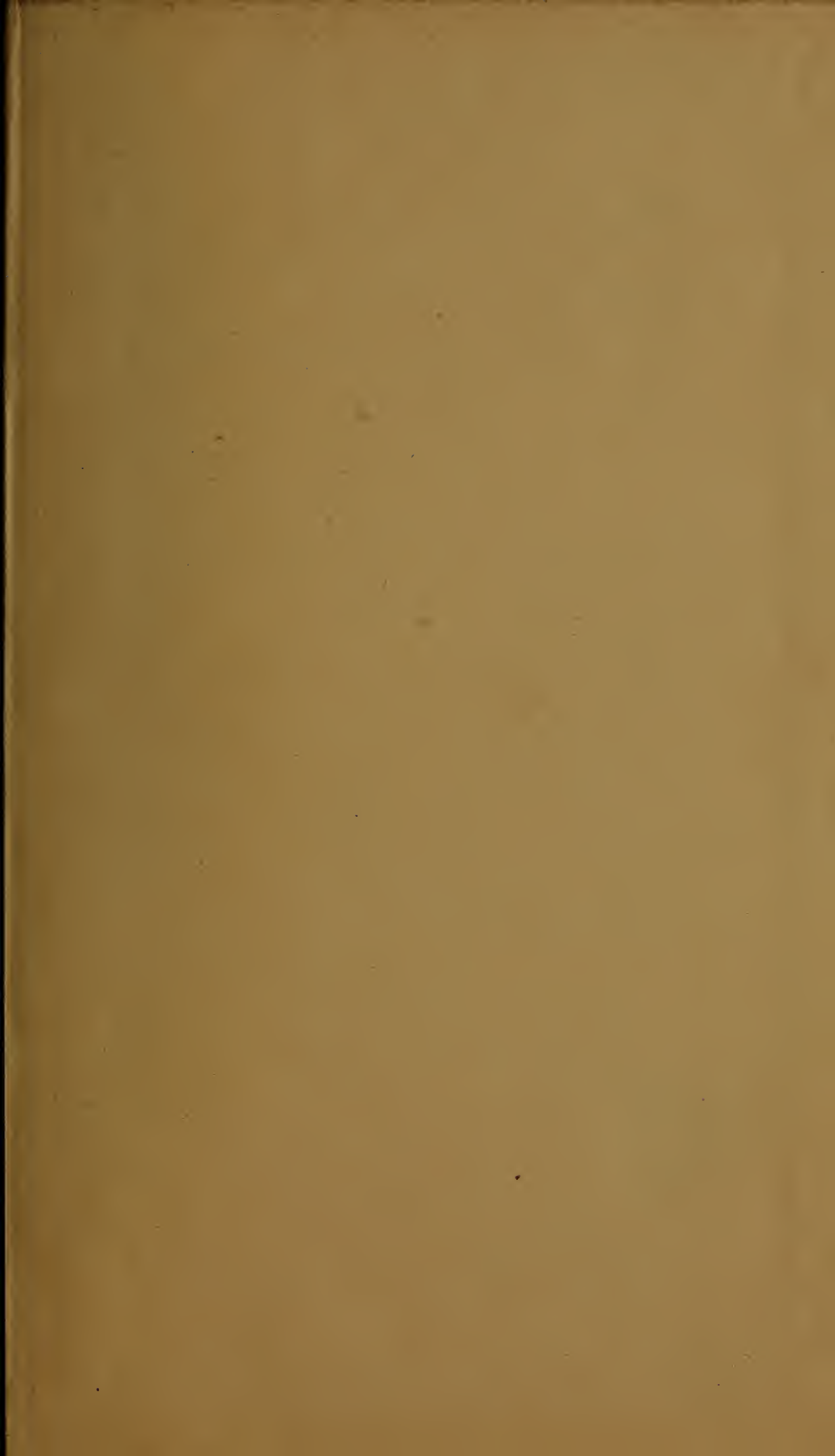


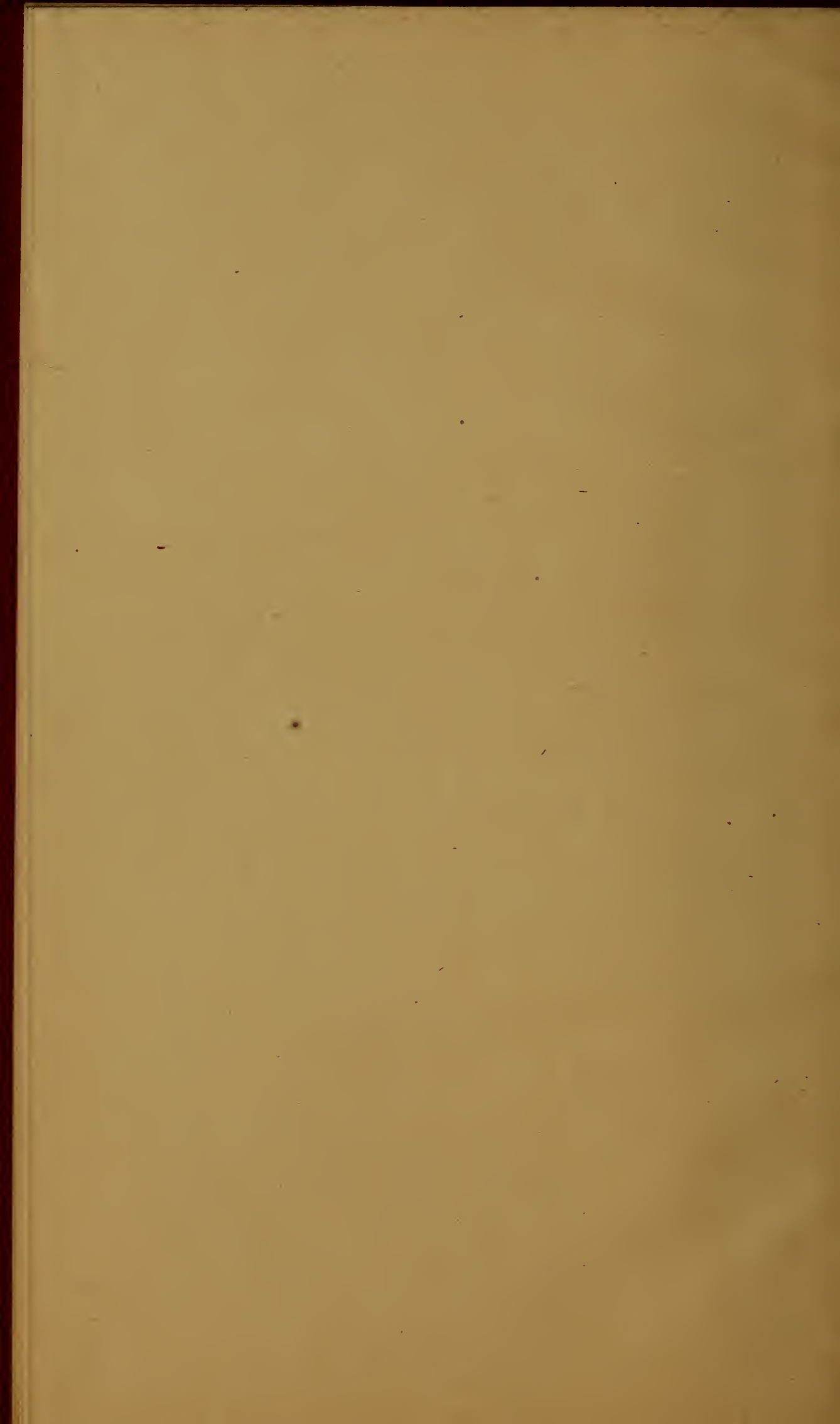


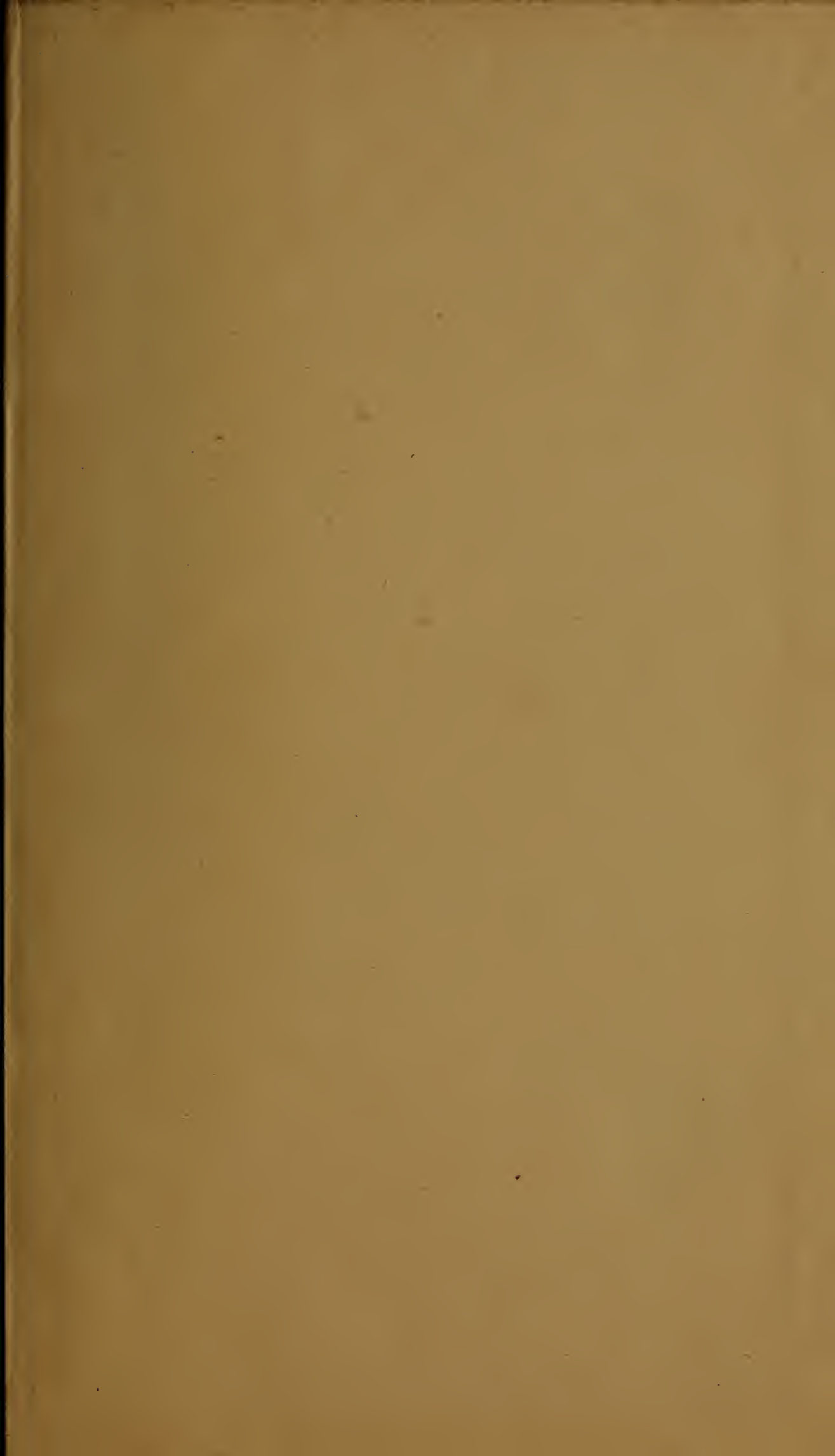


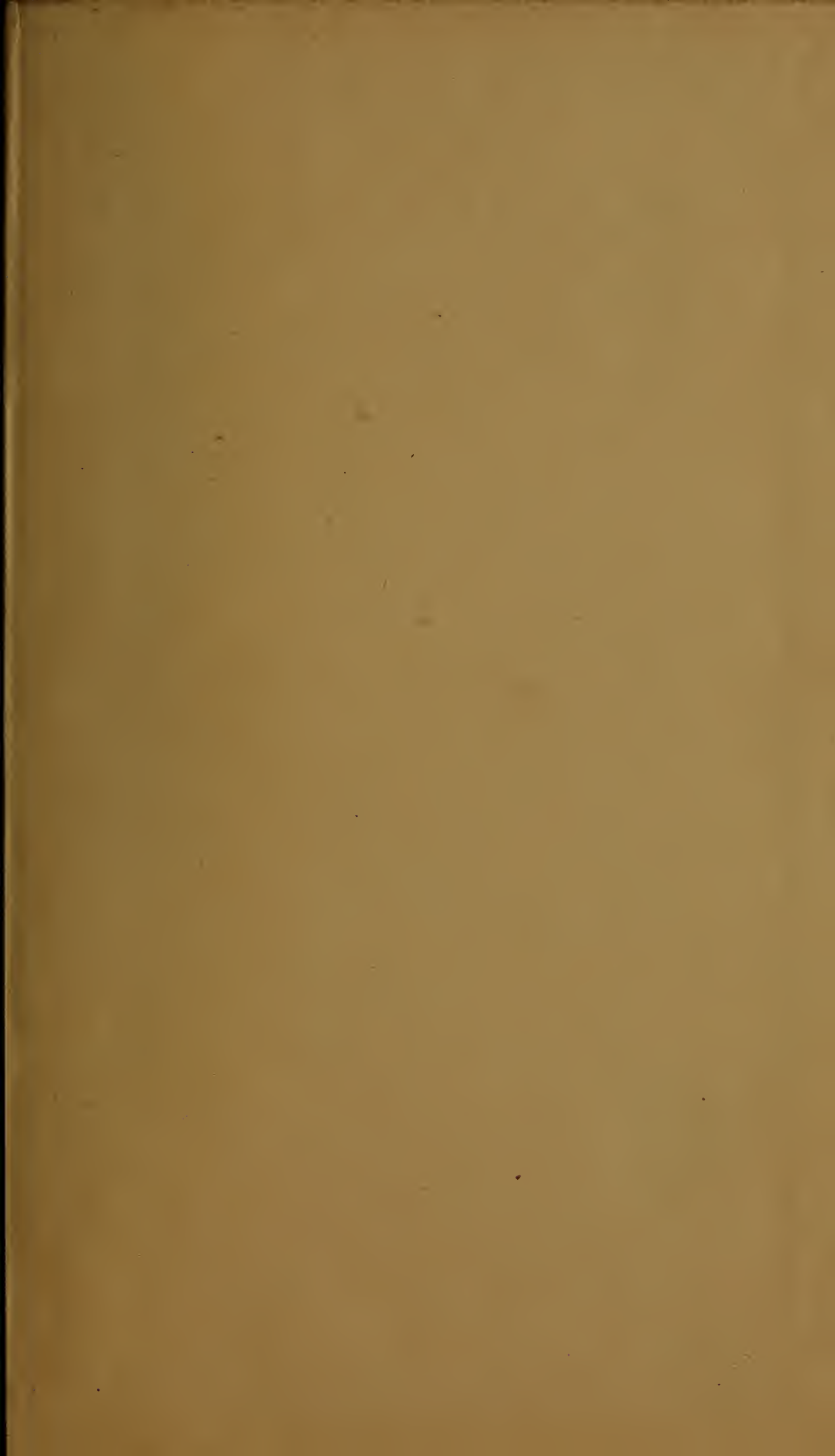


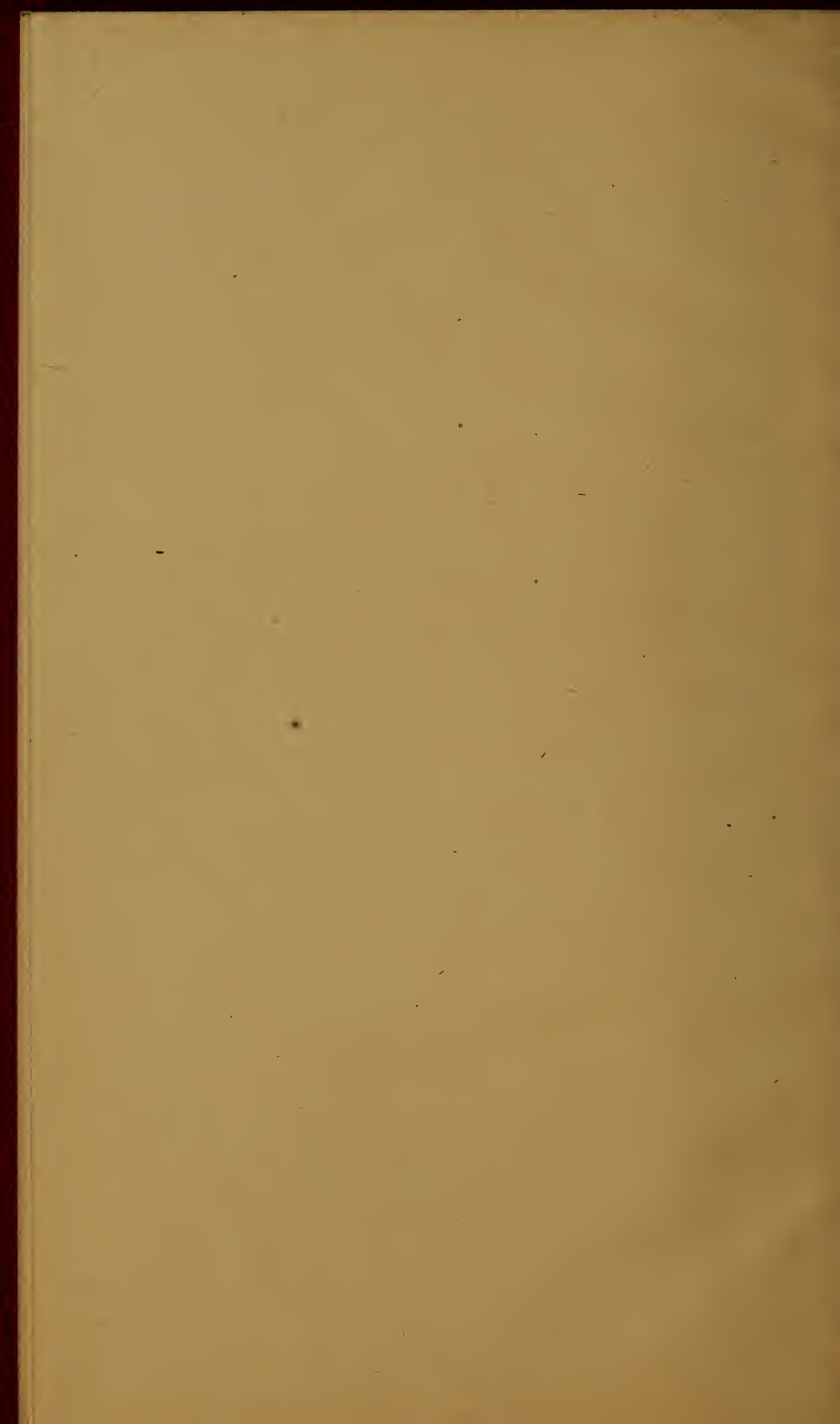


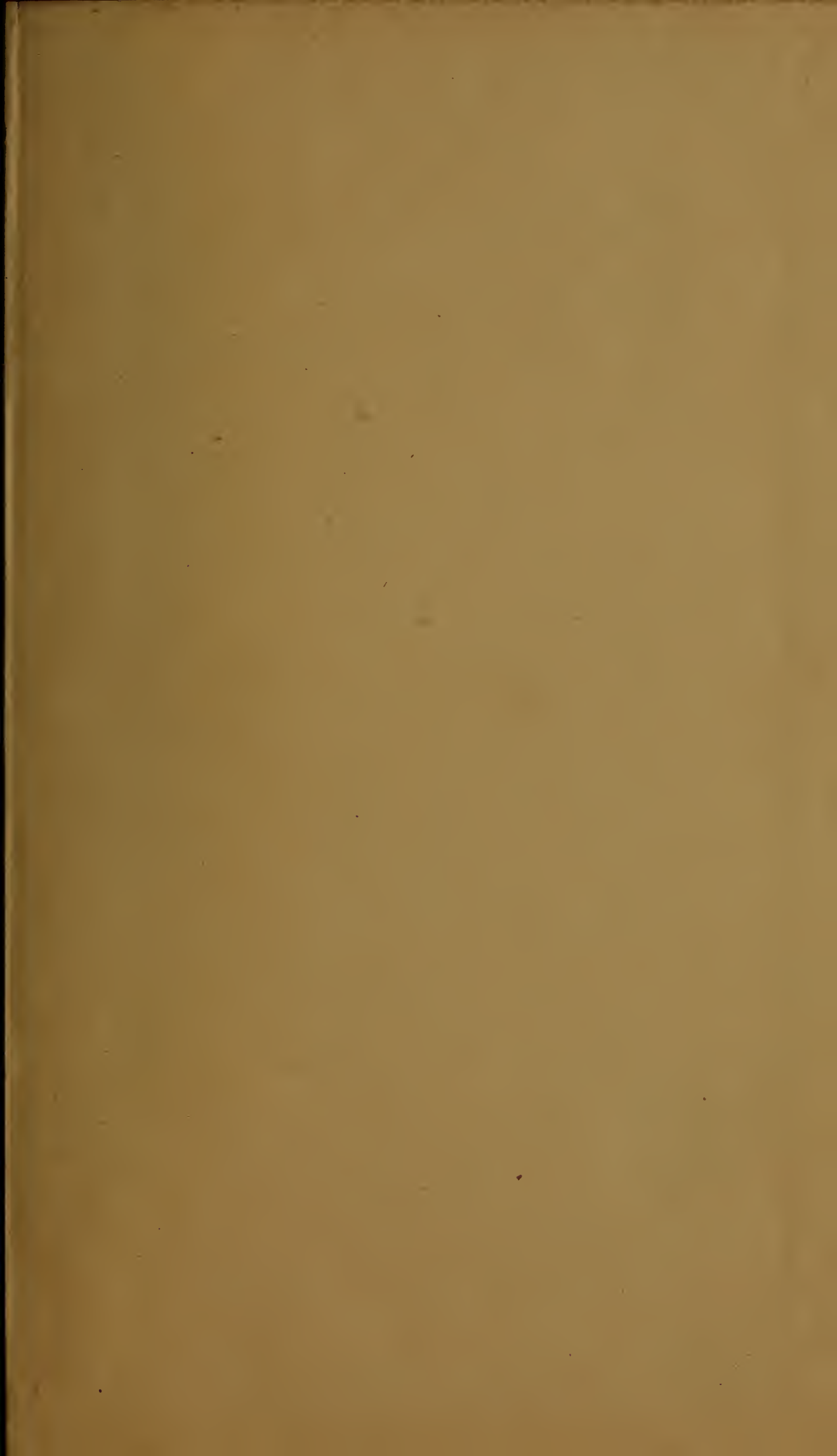












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